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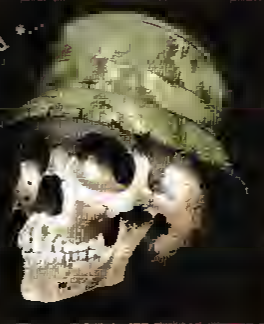

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I was thinking about the evolution of game worlds and came up with this story. I'm eager to hear what you think.

RESET

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SQUARE ENIX.

The network game "Dystopia" has been linked to numerous suicides. Now, one man tries to solve the mystery.

Tsutsui Tetsuya got his start as a webcomic artist. This is his first work to be published in a commercial magazine. A meticulously drawn piece with a bold storyline, *Dystopia* brings horror to the digital age.

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ANOTHER WORLD

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Chapter 1: Another World
Chapter 2: Dystopia
Chapter 3: Building C, Room 207
Chapter 4: Cache File
Chapter 5: Infiltration
Final Chapter: RESET

Sfx: Shoop
PHEW

YOU HAVE FAILED AT LIFE.
PLEASE RESET.

SFX: STAB
DRIP
DRIP
GLUNK

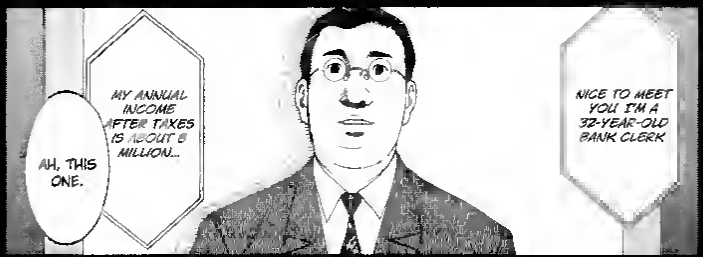
CHAPTER 1
「ANOTHER WORLD」

THERE'S BEEN ALL THIS CRAZY STUFF GOIN' ON, RIGHT?
LATELY,
...AND A BANK ROBBER WHO DOESN'T TELL YOU TO GIVE HIM MONEY
...STUFF LIKE THAT
MASS SUICIDES JUST FOR FUN
GUYS KILLING STRANGERS ON A WHIM
WHAT I WANT IS THE "ANSWER"!
NAH, I AIN'T AFTER MONEY

SHOW YOUR-SELF!
THERE'S NO TURNING BACK FOR ME NOW!
?
?
I'LL TAKE ONE OF 'EM OUT IF I GOTTA...
EP
!!

■ お引出し
You have failed at life. Please reset.
$ 756
COLT M1
HA HA HA!
SFX: BANG

NOTE "BWEE OOO BWEE" EHM WHATEVER YOU MAKE OUT OF IT ^^; IT'S SIRENS SOUND (AMBULANCE/POLICE)



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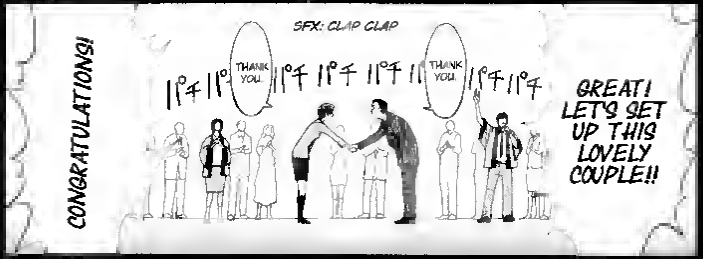
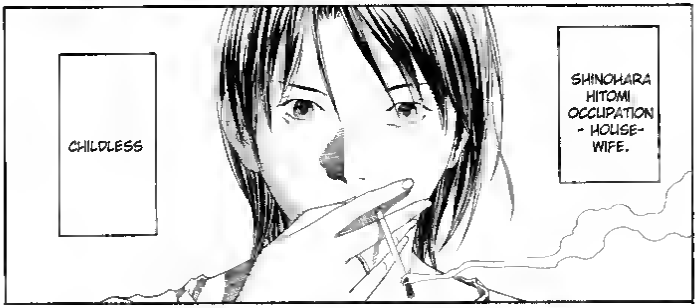
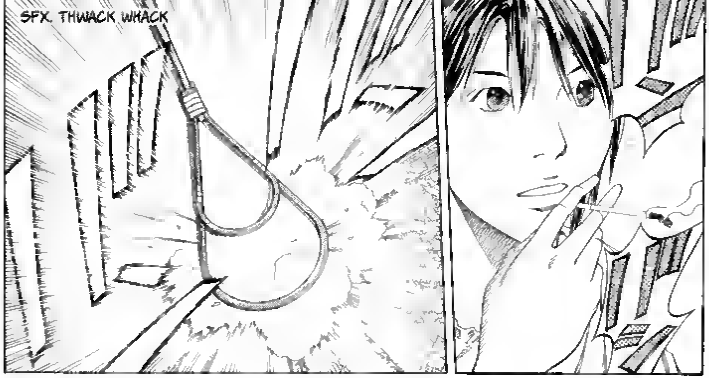


BACK IN GRADE SCHOOL, I IMAGINED THE 21ST CENTURY WOULD BE A WORLD OF WONDER, CRAMMED FULL OF REALIZED DREAMS
YOU KNOW, LIKE FLYING CARS AND ALL THOSE OTHER CRAZY THINGS THAT SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN PROMISING FOR DECADES

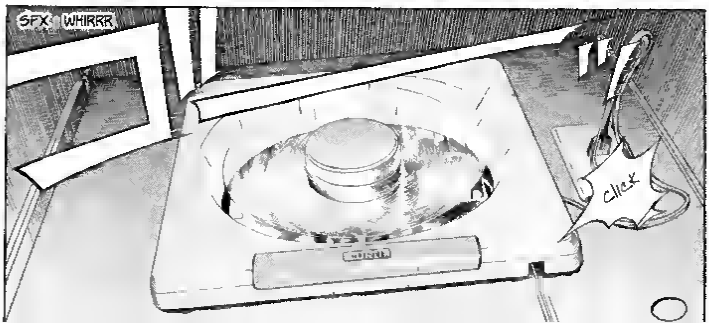

SHINOHARA HITOMI OCCUPATION - HOUSE-WIFE.
CHILDLESS

I'M NOT EXACTLY... UNHAPPY WITH THIS LIFESTYLE, BUT...
IT FEELS LIKE ITS FADING AWAY DAY BY DAY

AT THIS RATE, MY SO-CALLED LIFE IS PROBABLY
GOING TO DRAIN ME AND LEAVE ME...

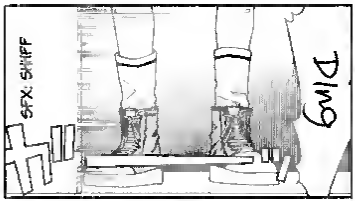


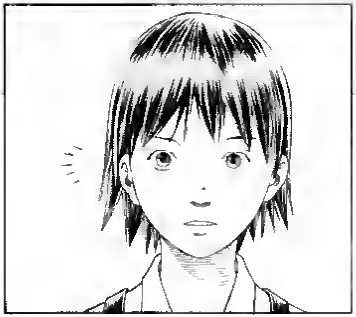
SFX: THWACK WHACK



MUTUAL OBSERVATION AND IMPLIED MESSAGES ARE HOW YOU GET BY IN THIS COMMUNITY...
THAT'S WHAT I THINK SHE'D LIKE TO SAY ANYWAYS
"I'M DRYING THE FUTONS RIGHT NOW, SO DON'T SMOKE IT UP!"
THE WORLD OF HOUSE WIVES IS BASED ON CONFINEMENT.
WHEN A WIFE DOES SUDDENLY POP OUT, IT'S A KIND OF MESSAGE OR WARNING.
I GUESS I JUST HAVE THIS FEELING
THAT I'M THE KIND OF WOMAN WHO WON'T EVER FIT INTO THIS ENVIRONMENT
THE MAN BOUND THE CUSTOMERS AND CLERKS WHO WERE PRESENT.
NO...
AT MITSUBA BANK IN ASAMIGAWA CITY, KANAGAWA PREFECTURE,
A MAN HAS BARRICADED HIMSELF, WIELDING WHAT APPEARS TO BE A PISTOL.
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM
TO BRING YOU THIS BREAKING NEWS
MITSUBA BANK, ASAMIGAWA BRANCH...
THAT'S WHERE MY HUSBAND WORKS
...MY DAILY GRIND HAS BEGUN TO FRAGMENT

THEY SAID THAT HACKER DISAPPEARED IN B-802
OH YEAH?


SFX. SNIFF
PING



LATER, DAISUKE.
LOG ON AS SOON AS YOU GET HOME!
YEAH, I KNOW.

YEAH, YOSHIAKI SAID HE SAW HIM
THEN TODAY WE'LL CORNER HIM
GIB HIM
WE'LL FRAG THAT NOOB.

DAISUKE
HI.

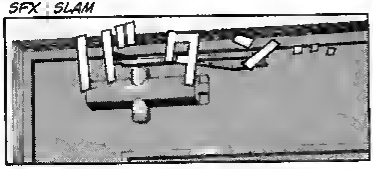
SENSEI

SORRY FOR DROPPING BY SUDDENLY.
DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING ON MY SCHEDULE TODAY.
BOTH OF YOUR PARENTS WORK, HUH?
NO ONE ELSE IS AROUND RIGHT NOW?
WHAT DOES THE IDIOT WANT?
YOSHIOKA? RLY?
SAY, DAISUKE
DO YOU THINK CLASSES ARE BORING?
.....
Click
03:31
HE'S SO FREAKIN ANNOYING
03:31
CRAP YOSHIOKA'S HERE

I SORTA FEEL LIKE I'M TEACHING TO A BRICK WALL...
WITH YOU GUYS WATCHING...
03:35
IDIOT. HURRY UP& GET RID OF HIM!
03:35
WE R RISKING R LIVES OVER HARE!
I'M STILL NEW AT THIS, SO...
I WANT YOU GUYS TO SPEAK UP
IF THERE'S ANY WEAK POINTS IN MY LESSONS...
click
click
LISTEN TO ME...!
CAN'T YOU EVEN HAVE A CONVERSATION WITHOUT PLAYING WITH YOUR CELLPHONE!?
SFX: Grab

GIVE IT BACK.

SORRY ABOUT BEFORE...
SHOUTING ALL OF A SUDDEN.
...THAT WAS WRONG.

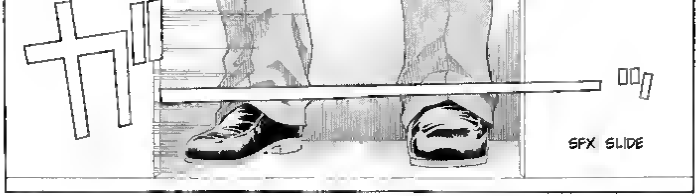

SFX : SLAM

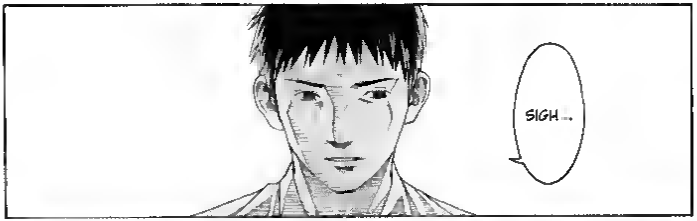
ALL RIGHT
I'D BETTER BE GOING...

creak

click

You have failed at life. Please reset.


SFX: SLIDE


SIGH...

clack

SFX: DASH

HUH?
IS THAT NAKA-JIMA?
NAKA-JIMA...?
...YES?
OH, WOW! IT HAS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M A TEACHER NOW.
VISITING ONE OF MY STUDENTS.
AH...
YOSHIOKA-KUN?
HAHA!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!
AH...
I... I GOT MARRIED
MY FAMILY NAME'S SHINOHARA NOW.
NAKAJIMA, DO YOU LIVE HERE?
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

WHOA, INCREDIBLE!
A CLASS MATE'S ALREADY A HOUSEWIFE?
MM... BUT RIGHT NOW...
MY HUSBAND'S IN A BIT OF A BIND.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
?

SFX | WHAM

WHAM
BAM
CRACK

WHAT'S THAT!?
!
Thump
.....?
Thump
Thump
...DA...
Thump

DAISUKE...!
DAISUKE!!

BEE-DOO BEE-DOO BEE-DOO
BEEP
YES, KITAJIMA HERE.
...IT'S TATSUMI.

THIS TIME A GRADE-SCHOOLER JUMPED OFF A ROOF.
IT SEEMS THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER "DYSTOPIA" VICTIM
YOU SERIOUS?
GOOD GRIEF

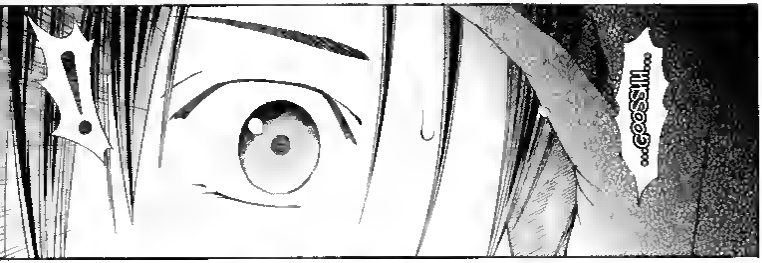
WE WERE ABLE TO CONFIRM HE WAS A RESIDENT OF THE SAME BUILDING B
HOWEVER, IT'S DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH A CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP.
THEN, THE BANK ROBBERY THIS AFTERNOON
YOU DETERMINED IT WAS KURO?

WE'RE GOING TO NEED SOME EVIDENCE AFTER ALL.
CONTINUE YOUR INFILTRATION.
...GOT IT!

I'M REALLY VERY SORRY SIR, I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY..
YES
HE STILL SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE ILL.. YEAH
OKAY
WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL
THE DIVISION MANAGER,
HE SAYS IT'S OKAY IF YOU TAKE TOMORROW OFF.
I GUESS AFTER SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
EVEN IF HE HADN'T AGREED ...
HUFF
HUFF
HONEY.. ARE YOU OKAY?
MAYBE WE SHOULD GO SEE THE DOCTOR
HUFF
HUFF

"I AIN'T AFTER MONEY."
"WHAT I WANT IS..."
HUH?
WHAT'S THE ANSWER?
THE ANSWER
HYAHAHA!
COLT M1
DYSTO-PIA...!

You have failed at life. Please reset.
SFX: SLAM
SFX: CLATCH
HOLD ON!
AH
HEY!
SFX: CLATTER
SIGH... MAN.
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM...?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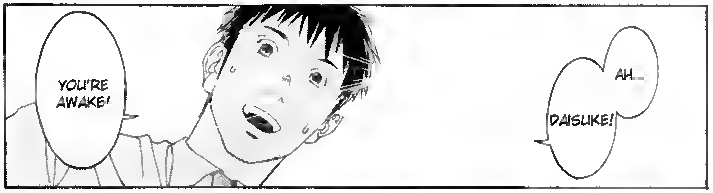
...ssssss...

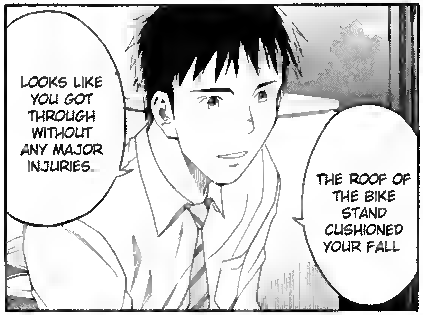
NO
WOOOOOOOOOOSH
FWIP
FWIP

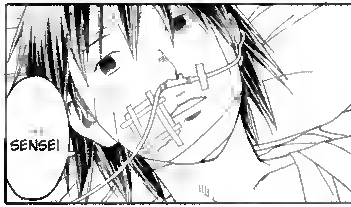
Wooooooooosh

Wooooooo...

阿左見川病院


YOU'RE AWAKE!
AH...
DAISUKE!


LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT THROUGH WITHOUT ANY MAJOR INJURIES.
THE ROOF OF THE BIKE STAND CUSHIONED YOUR FALL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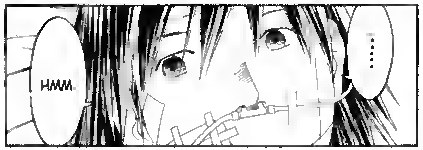
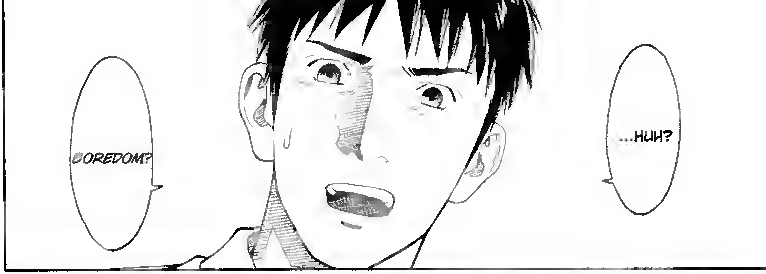

HMM.
.....

I'M SO RELIEVED.
THANK GOOD-NESS

...HUH? WHERE AM I?
THE HOSPI-TAL
THE AMBU-LANCE BROUGHT US HERE

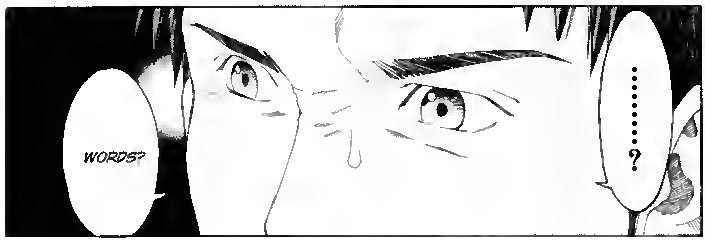
AH...!
I WAS GOING TO CALL YOUR PARENTS, BUT..
IT SEEMS I'VE LOST THEIR CONTACT INFO
HAHA... I'M LOOKING FOR THEM RIGHT NOW...
DON'T BOTHER...
I BET THEY'D IGNORE IT ANYWAY
.....
S... SAY, DAISUKE...
WHY WOULD YOU ..
WHY DID YOU JUMP?
NO REASON...
BORE-DOM...
SCHOOL...
SO, I RESET.


...HUH?
@OREDOM?

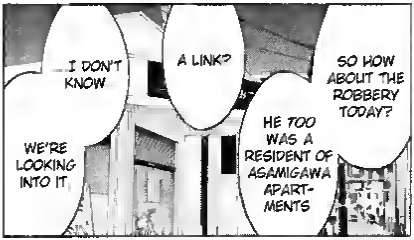
—SORRY, JUST KIDDING
YOU PROBABLY WON'T BELIEVE ME IF I TELL YOU THIS, BUT...
ACTUALLY,

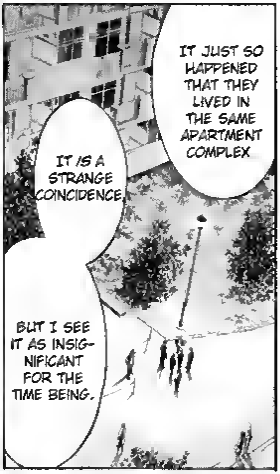
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!
YOU'D JUMP... BECAUSE YOU'RE BORED?
RESET?

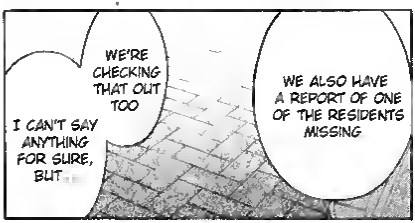
"YOUR LIFE'S A FAILURE."
"RESET" IT SAID...
IN MY ROOM
WORDS APPEA-
RED


WORDS?
.....?

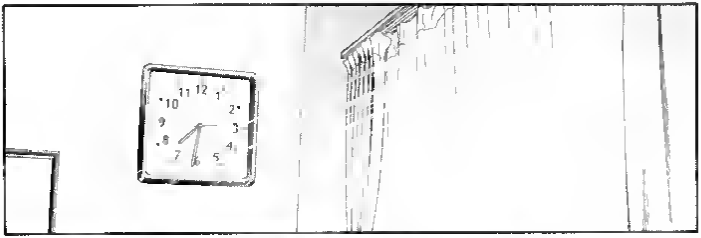
SOMETHING'S GOTTA BE UP
TWO PEOPLE JUMPING IN THE SAME TIME SLOT?


I DON'T KNOW
A LINK?
SO HOW ABOUT THE ROBBERY TODAY?
WE'RE LOOKING INTO IT.
HE TOO WAS A RESIDENT OF ASAMIGAWA APARTMENTS


IT JUST SO HAPPENED THAT THEY LIVED IN THE SAME APARTMENT COMPLEX
IT IS A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.
BUT I SEE IT AS INSIGNIFICANT FOR THE TIME BEING.

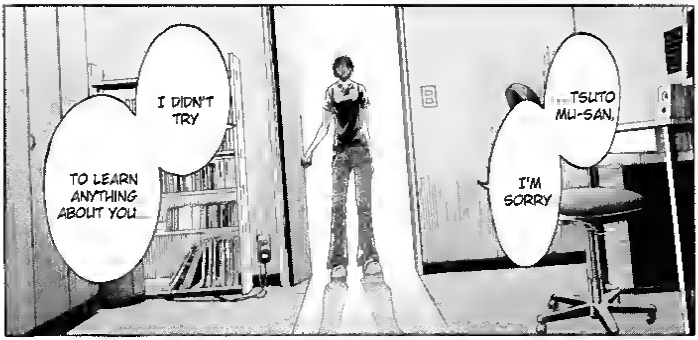

WE'RE CHECKING THAT OUT TOO
I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING FOR SURE, BUT...
WE ALSO HAVE A REPORT OF ONE OF THE RESIDENTS MISSING

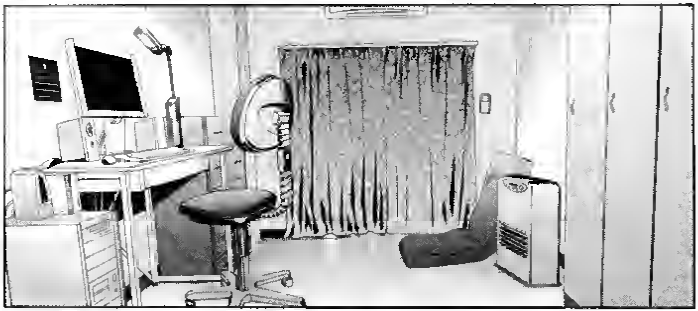
IN THIS COMPLEX,
THERE'S SOMETHING...



Take the garbage out, Oh honey
Have a good day
Ah
Good morning!
I'm leaving
Chu!
Chu!

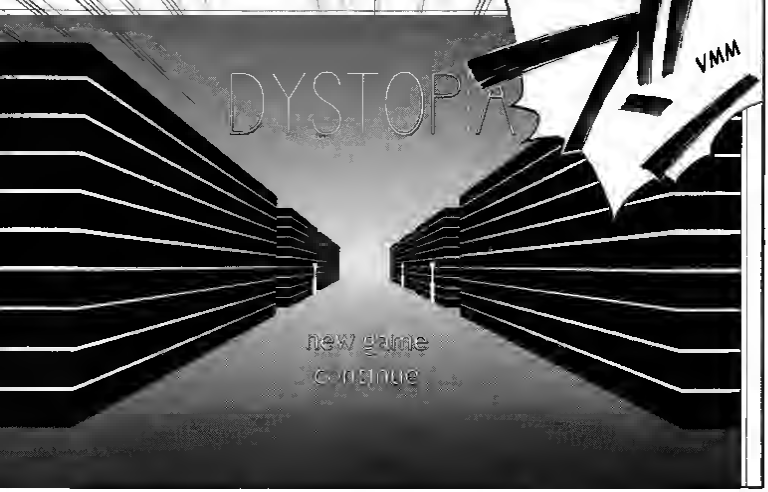
YOUR HUSBAND DIES,
AND YOU DON'T SHED A TEAR...
DESPICABLE WOMAN...


I DIDN'T TRY
TO LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT YOU...
...TSUTO MU-SAN,
I'M SORRY



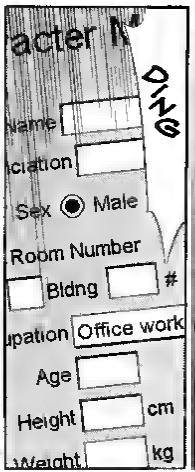
"THE ANSWER"... WHAT DID YOU MEAN?
HEY... WHAT DID YOU SEE?

VVVVVVVVV
SFX: BLIP
Vindo
ome Edition
WHIRR WHIRR
HHSSSSSH
Dystopia
Dystopia
CLICK
CLICK
"DYSTOPIA"
...?
D...YST
...!


DYSTOPIA
VMM
new game
continue

new game
Click
continue

HUH... I HAVE TO ENTER ALL THIS?
Click
Click
WONDER IF MY REAL NAME'S OKAY...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DING
Name
ciation
Sex Male
Room Number
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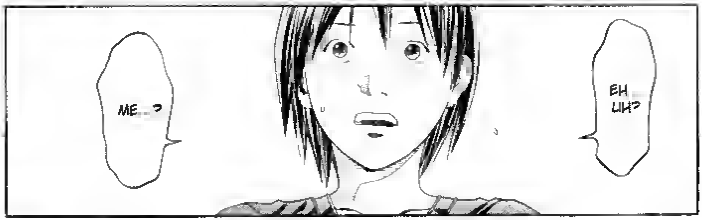
Weight kg

...WHAT'S THIS?

BLOOP
ACCOUNT CREATED: SHINOHARA HITOMI-SAMA.


ME...?
EH LIH?

I'M
IN THE GAME?

IFE

sfx flip

SFX: VMM!
SFX: カリカリ
……!!
THE SAME
"TREATISE ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF A GAME-WORLD..."
SHINOHARA TSUTOMU...
TSUTOMU-SAN WROTE THIS?
!
Treatise on the Possibilities of a Gameworld
Shinohara Tsutomu
THE SAME ROOM...
SFX: FLIP

Utilizing graphics hardware that can perform billions of operations per second, gameworld visuals have now made truly dramatic advances. This breathtaking realism is such that it cannot be compared with the previous generation of video games - but even so, it all boils down to nothing more than a collection of crude polyhedrons.

It is generally assumed that the average person has enough sense to discriminate between game and reality, and would certainly never confuse the two. However, that perception is a grave error.

A superbly-designed game can often give the player sensations of "touch" and "pain," and even the "temperature" and "smell" of the environment.

If you get hit, you feel pain. If you start a fire, it feels warm. If you roast some meat, there's a delicious smell and if you stuff yourself with food, you truly forget your hunger.

It doesn't require massive pseudo sensory hardware. Just by looking at a common PC monitor, we feel that our spirits can "exist" there.

Could it be that our brains are correcting the information to incorporate reality with the virtual space?

While the visual information weaved by the crude and imperfect polyhedrons winds its way from our retinas to the superior colliculus, past the visual cortex, the dramatic imagery develops in our own minds as a living world. Shall we say, a "complementary world."

So, what should we do if our brains have gotten comfortable in this "complementary world"?

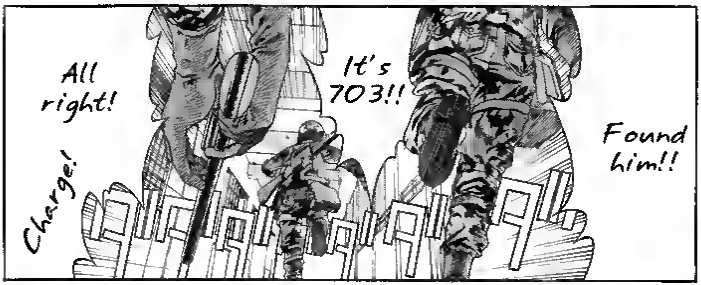
If our brains have "decided" that the "complementary world" is reality itself?

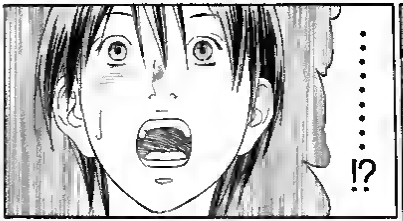
This world of reality we are living in will not satisfy those who can prove it to be 'incomplete.'

……
creak
COMPLE-
MENTARY
WORLD…
creak
creak
creak
……?
sfx creak
ピ ミ

stx CRASH!
KYAAA!!
You Tsutomu-san's wife?
What's up!
You're really young
Hehe
Ow, ow, ow
That was a bit too big after all

Those brats are coming
Ah!
Trouble

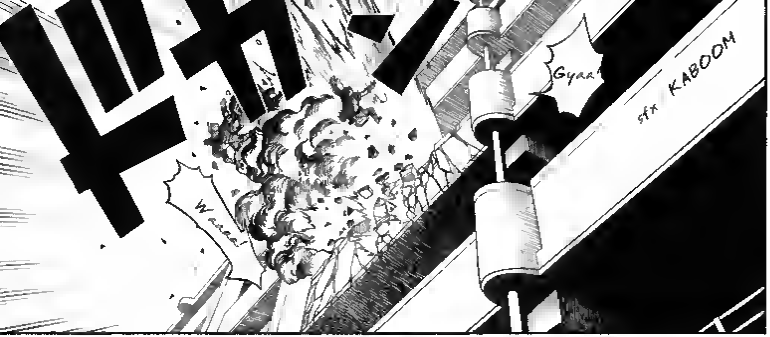

All right!
Charge!
It's 703!!
Found him!!


.....!?

str Foooom
Hhnnngggg...!

Oh
This?
I'm messing with my external parameters.
Uh, it's against the rules, though.

sfx : BAM
End of the line, hacker!
Diiieee!!
sfx : Rattattattatt
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
sfx : Ping
sfx : Ping
Not gonna work!!
sfx : Bang
Chew on this!
Ah man
You're so annoying

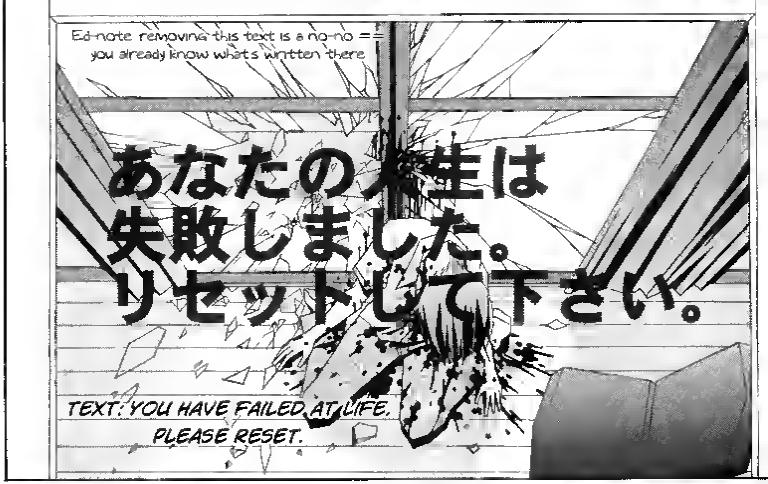

Gyaa!
sfx KABOOM
Waaaa

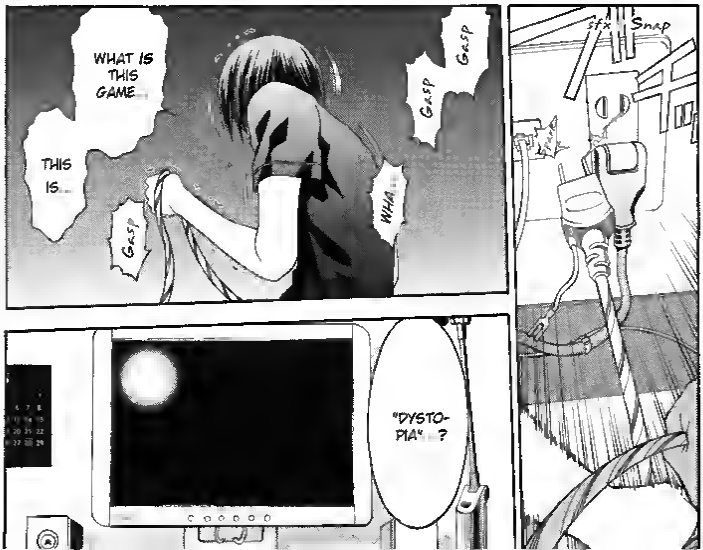
Ah
Hah
a
Ha
Pffffff
They never learn, do they?
Hehe!
Ma'am this your first time?

I'll come over to teach you!
Be right back. I'm logging off for a bit.

sfx BWOOSH
Kyaa!
Just happened?
Wha
What
.....
Pant
Pant
crap!

Die!!
sfx bang
Pfft
BANG
BANG
BANG
Die!
Die!
Die!
Slip
Slip...
Thwack


Ed-note: removing this text is a no-no ==
you already know what's written there
あなたの人生は
失敗しました。
リセットして下さい。
TEXT: YOU HAVE FAILED AT LIFE.
PLEASE RESET.


WHAT IS THIS GAME...
THIS IS...
GASP
GASP
WHA...
GASP
Snap
"DYSTOPIA"...?

DING-DONG
!
DING-DOONG
DING-DOONG
HOW COULD IT MAKE ME PUKE...?
IT'S JUST A GAME!
Pant
Pant
Hoooh
Eegh!
Wax!
URG

AH
MRS TSUTOMU-SAN!
WASSSUUUUP!

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Dystopia

IN 1998...
AN UNPRECEDENTED FINANCIAL SCANDAL...
INVOLVING THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE ELECTRONIC GIANT "N" SHOOK JAPAN...

防衛庁背任
幹部ら隠蔽工作も指示
を背広変装で逮捕
HOWEVER, THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT...
THAT REVEALED THIS PLOT...
...WAS NEVER DISCLOSED.
THIS CASE REVEALED THE COLLUSION THAT EXISTED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES
AMONG THE SEVEN PERSONS THAT WERE ARRESTED WERE HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE TIME

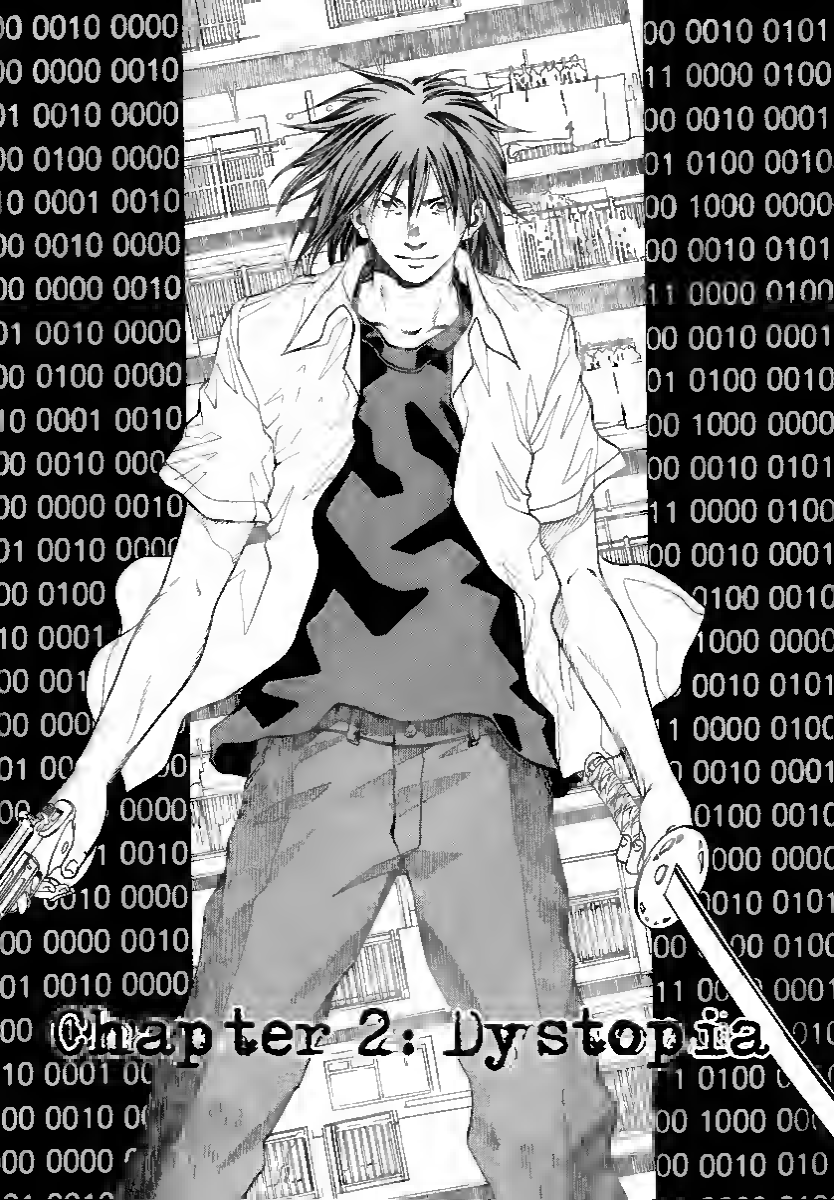
THIS PART OF THE TRUTH WAS COVERED UP...
ACCORDING TO CERTAIN SOURCES, IT WAS AN INTRUSION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE'S SERVER THAT CAUSED THE INFORMATION LEAK, BUT...

WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH OF A DANGER FOR THE GOVERNMENT...
THE REVELATION OF SUCH A HOLE IN THE STATE'S EXPENDITURES.

ARRESTED A TEENAGER SUSPECTED OF VIOLATING THE LAW AGAINST COMPUTER PIRACY...
AGENTS FROM THE TECHNOLOGY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION'S POLICE...
THE 28TH SEPTEMBER 2001 AS EVERYONE HAD ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THIS CASE...

AT THE TIME, HE WAS A 13 YEARS OLD HIGH-SCHOOLER
HIS NAME WAS KITAJIMA SHUNSUKE

A SPECIAL AGENT FROM THE PREFECTURAL POLICE
HE NOW DOES COMMUNITY SERVICE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF...


Chapter 2: Dystopia

INITIALLY, THE GAME'S GOAL WAS SIMPLY TO...
TAKE OVER THE ENEMY'S TERRITORY
BUT EVERYONE GAVE UP ON THIS QUICKLY...
AND NOW THEY JUST KILL EACH OTHER BETWEEN NEIGHBORS...
KILL EACH OTHER...
YOU PICK UP THE WEAPONS FROM THE GROUND...
AND THE MASSACRE CAN BEGIN

ARGH!
GY..H!
AH AH
THEY'RE REALLY GOING AT IT
HEY!
PASS! PASS!
INCREDIBLE!
IT LOOKS SO REAL!
AH
HERE!
PASS IT TO ME! NOW!

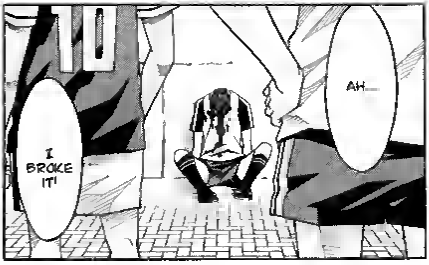
IT REALLY FEELS LIKE REAL LIFE
THIS GAME IS REALLY WELL-MADE
THEY ARE PLAYING FOOTBALL...
THIS LOOKS IMPRESSIVE
I DON'T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING, BUT...
THE ONES THAT CREATED THE SOURCE ENGINE ARE REALLY GOOD
FORCE OF THE REBOUND...
WEIGHT...
FRICTION WITH THE GROUND...
EVERYTHING IS CALCULATED TO DETERMINE...
THE BALLOON'S MOVEMENT.
?
SOURCE ENGINE?
?
IT ORIGINALLY CAME FROM AMERICA, WITH THE FPS...
BUT I WON'T BOTHER YOU WITH THESE TECHNICAL DETAILS

TO MAKE THINGS SIMPLE
THERE EXIST PROGRAMS THAT CAN EASILY GENERATE A VIRTUAL UNIVERSE
YOU CAN USE THEM EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT A COMPUTER SPECIALIST
IT JUST TAKES A LOT OF TIME
HUM.

TAKE
THIS!
AH!
SQUISH

HUH?

ゴ!!
ト!!


AH...
I BROKE IT!

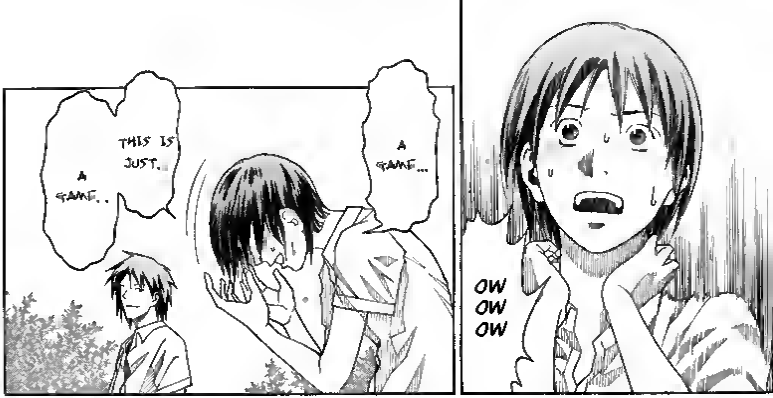
WHAT'S THAT?
A HUMAN'S HEAD?
AH AH
CRAZY, ISN'T IT?

THUMP
THUMP

EH?
REALLY?
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO BE THE BALL

GYA HH!
GAH
WAIT!
WAIT!

TWIST
TWIST
TWIST

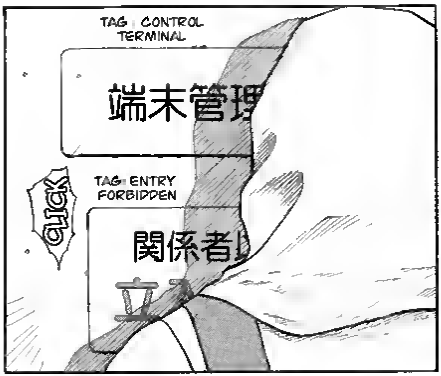

THIS IS JUST A GAME...
A GAME...
OW OW OW

OVER THERE
DON'T YOU FIND IT STRANGE?
AH
YOU'RE RIGHT!

HITOMI-SAN
LOOK THIS WAY.
HUH?

I DIDN'T REALIZE IT!
OH...
THE MODELING OF THIS AREA STOPS AT THIS CONVENI-ENCE STORE
THE BACK-GROUND IS JUST A PICTURE

ANYWAY, THIS LOOKS SO REAL.
WHO CREATED THIS?
IT'S THE JANITOR.
HE'S CALLED GM *
HUH?
AH NO, NO.
I MEANT HER SON.
THAT OLD WOMAN?
HE NEVER SHOWS HIMSELF.
*GM = GAME MASTER
HE'S THE GUARDIAN OF THIS UNIVERSE.
THE CREATOR OF DYSTOPIA.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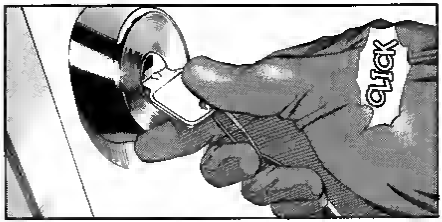
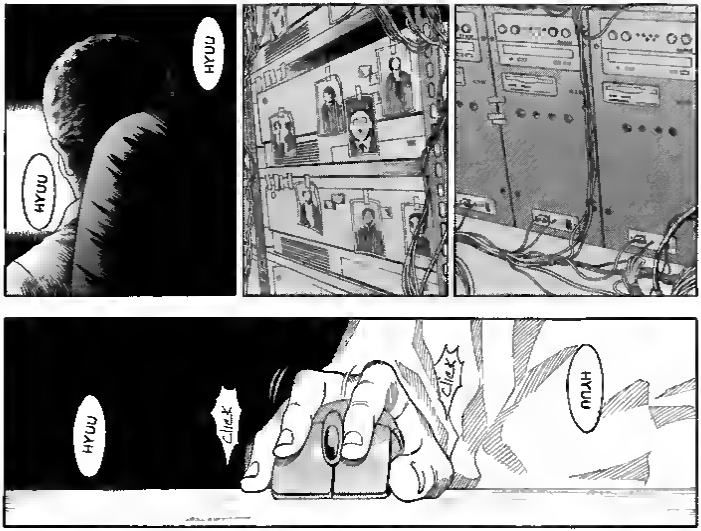
端末管理
CLICK
TAG: ENTRY FORBIDDEN
関係者以

HELLO!
AH!
HELLO, MISS JANITOR!


CLICK

IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MEDICINE.
HIRO KUN!

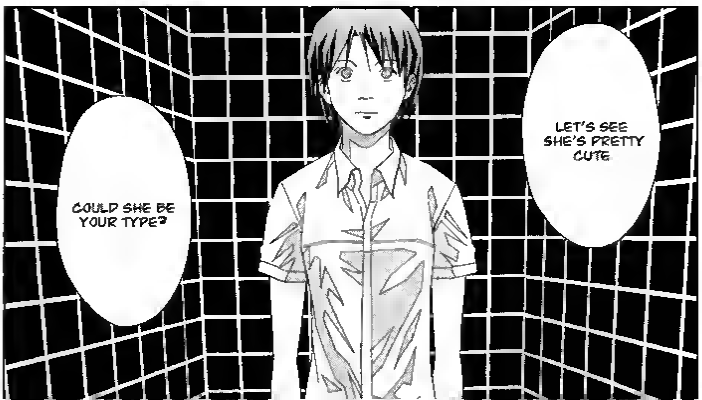


Ed Note I have no idea what hyuu means maybe a creepy laugh?

Ed. Note. wt&? it WAS a creepy laughter afterall >_>

NEW ONE!
Ed note: ewll creepy bastard!

YOU MEAN THAT SOMEONE REGISTE-RED?
AH...
?
NEW ONE?

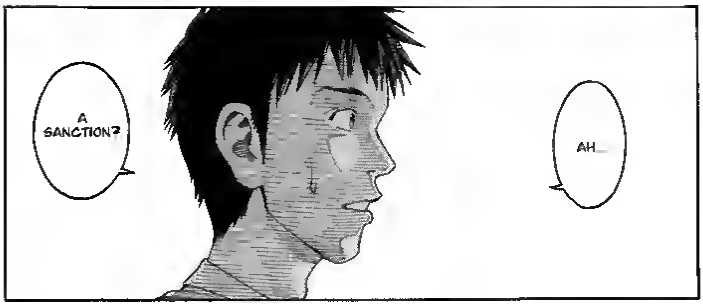

COULD SHE BE YOUR TYPE?
LET'S SEE SHE'S PRETTY CUTE

MINE!
HYUU
WOMAN!
WOMAN!
YOU'RE RIGHT IN THIS WORLD...
EVERYTHING IS YOURS, HIRO-KUN...
HYUU
HYUU
HYUU

Asamigawa's grade school

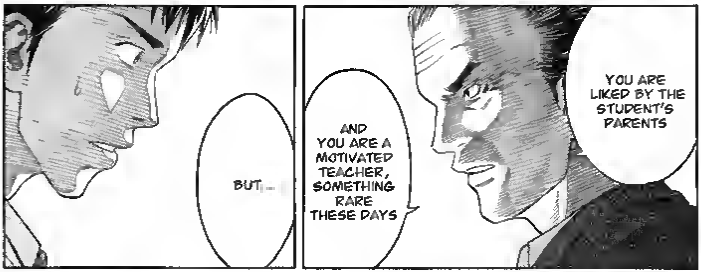
Director's office

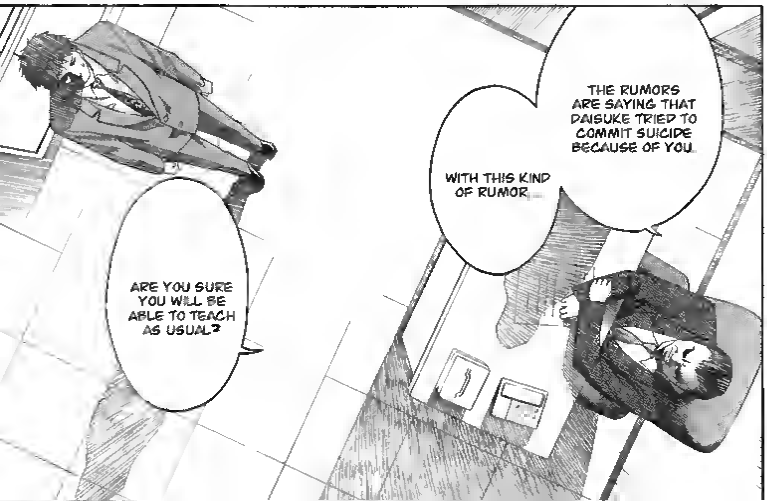
WE HAVE DECIDED ON YOUR SANCTION
YOSHIO-KA-SAN

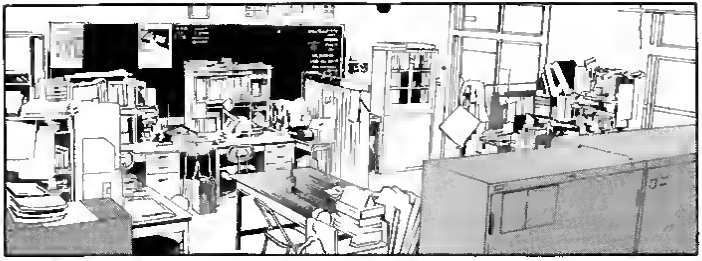

A SANCTION?
AH...

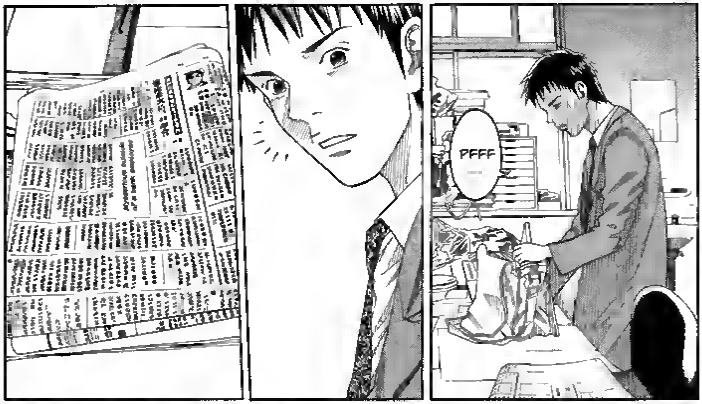
A SANC-TION
UH...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THAT IS ALL.
FROM TODAY.
YOU'LL BE SUSPENDED FOR A WEEK.
Y... YES.
DID YOU GO BY YOUR OWN INITIATIVE TO KIJIMA DAISUKE'S HOME?
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AROUND 3PM.
WAIT A SECOND!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
HIS CLASSMATES THAT WERE EXCHANGING MESSAGES WITH HIM ON THE PHONE CAN TESTIFY.
IT IS RUMORED THAT YOU WERE AGGRES-SIVE.
YOU ARE AWARE THAT KIJIMA DAISUKE TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE JUST AFTER YOU LEFT.
RUMORS ARE ALREADY SPREADING AMONG THE CHILDREN.

YOU DID NOTHING WRONG.
WE ARE SURE OF IT.
WE KNOW.


BUT...
AND YOU ARE A MOTIVATED TEACHER, SOMETHING RARE THESE DAYS
YOU ARE LIKED BY THE STUDENT'S PARENTS


ARE YOU SURE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH AS USUAL?
WITH THIS KIND OF RUMOR...
THE RUMORS ARE SAYING THAT DAISUKE TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE BECAUSE OF YOU.





つば銀行に拳銃強盗

立て篭り後に自殺

3時頃、阿佐見川右肩を撃ち抜き、を持った客と籠り上げが、約30した。

主張したが、拳銃での話によると、近隣とのトラブ警は被疑者死亡のまま男を強盗未遂容疑で書類送検する。

阿佐見川団地

Around 7PM yesterday evening, Shinohara Tsutomu (32 years old) employee of the Mitsuba bank and present during the hostage seizure of the same day killed himself by jumping from the 7th floor.

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告

抜本改革、今年度中

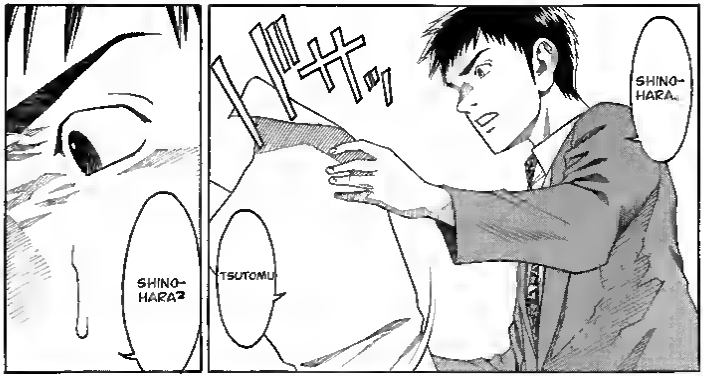
編者の景況強化を提言。年金収入を対象とした公的年金控除と、65歳以上が対象の老年者控除計「縮減」を求めた。

住民税は、納税者

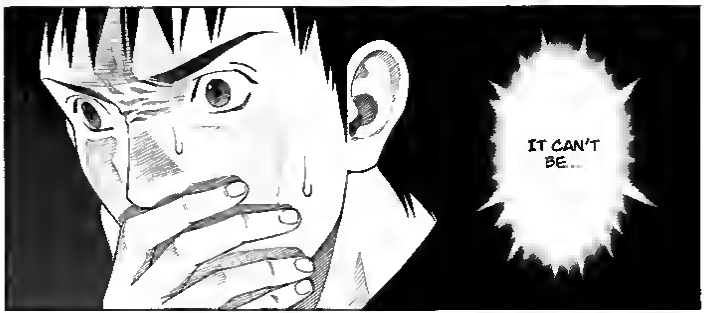
1人当たり年間～4千円を負担している均等割につ「国民所得の推比較して低水準どまっている」増額や主婦な

SARS感1時間で判

検査キット承認再流行が懸念さいる新型肺炎S対策で、感染無を約1時間でできる検査キッ


SHINO-HARA?
GASH
TSUTOMU
SHINO-HARA.

WHOA, INCREDIBLE! A CLASSMATE'S ALREADY A HOUSEWIFE?
MM... BUT RIGHT NOW MY HUSBAND'S IN A BIT OF A BIND.
An armed man takes employees of the Mitsuba bank hostage and kills himself a few hours later.
I... I GOT MARRIED. MY FAMILY NAME'S SHINOHARA NOW.


IT CAN'T BE...

HUM?
HEY, CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
TO WIN MORE EASILY?
...

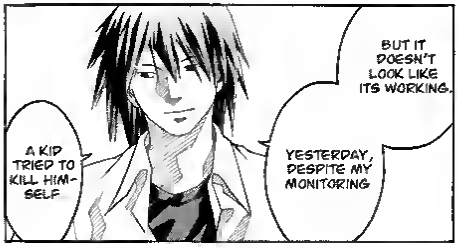
THIS WAY YOU CHANGE YOUR SIZE SUDDENLY...
OR CHANGE YOUR BODY INTO STEEL...

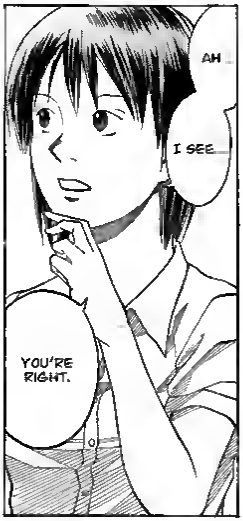
AH!
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
I JUST DO A LITTLE RESEARCH AND...
EASY! I JUST USE A TRANSFORMATION CODE
ﾌﾞﾌﾞﾌﾞﾌﾞ...

IT'S JUST THAT THIS WORLD IS TOO REAL

NO...
THAT'S NOT THE REASON

THIS IS JUST A GAME
THE KIDS MUST NOT FORGET IT
OR IT COULD BECOME DANGEROUS


BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ITS WORKING.
YESTERDAY, DESPITE MY MONITORING
A KID TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF


AH
I SEE

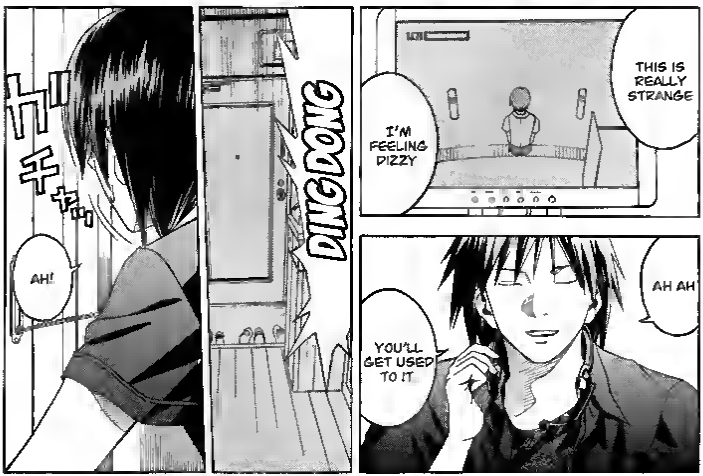
KILL HIMSELF?
HE JUMPED THROUGH THE WINDOW
LUCKILY, HE'S STILL ALIVE.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

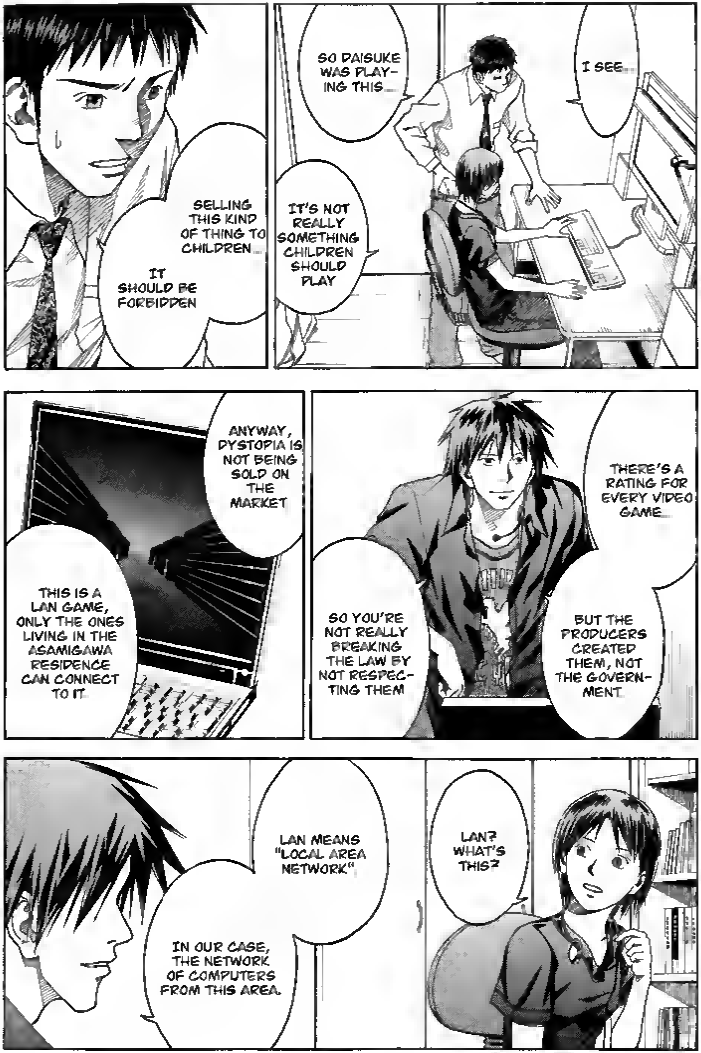
HEY
COULD IT BE THAT

AH!
DING DONG

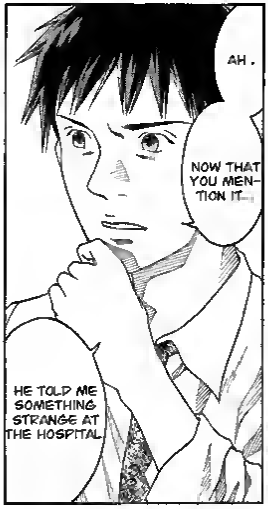
THE BELL WAS RINGING ON THIS SIDE
THAT SURPRI-SED ME!


AH!
DING DONG
I'M FEELING DIZZY
THIS IS REALLY STRANGE
YOU'LL GET USED TO IT
AH AH

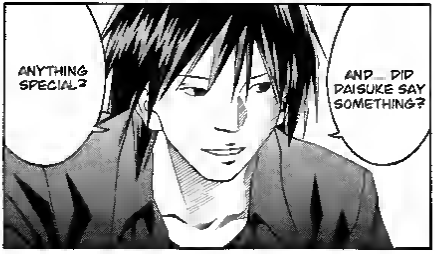
HELLO
YOSHIOKA-KUN!!

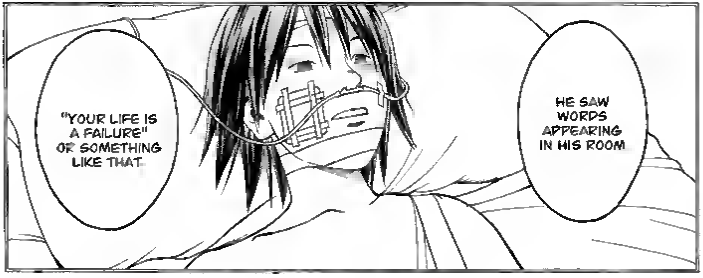

SELLING THIS KIND OF THING TO CHILDREN...
IT SHOULD BE FORBIDDEN
SO DAISUKE WAS PLAYING THIS...
IT'S NOT REALLY SOMETHING CHILDREN SHOULD PLAY
I SEE...
ANYWAY, DYSTOPIA IS NOT BEING SOLD ON THE MARKET
THIS IS A LAN GAME, ONLY THE ONES LIVING IN THE ASAMIGAWA RESIDENCE CAN CONNECT TO IT
THERE'S A RATING FOR EVERY VIDEO GAME...
SO YOU'RE NOT REALLY BREAKING THE LAW BY NOT RESPECTING THEM
BUT THE PRODUCERS CREATED THEM, NOT THE GOVERNMENT
LAN MEANS "LOCAL AREA NETWORK".
IN OUR CASE, THE NETWORK OF COMPUTERS FROM THIS AREA.
LAN? WHAT'S THIS?

EVERYONE CAN HAVE FUN KILLING EACH OTHER.
ALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS CONNECTED
BY THIS NETWORK GAME

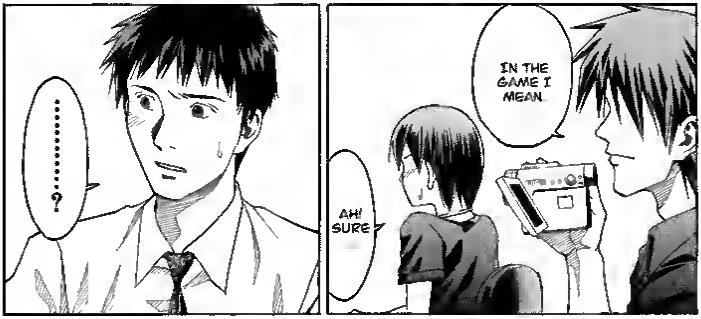

AH.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
HE TOLD ME SOMETHING STRANGE AT THE HOSPITAL.

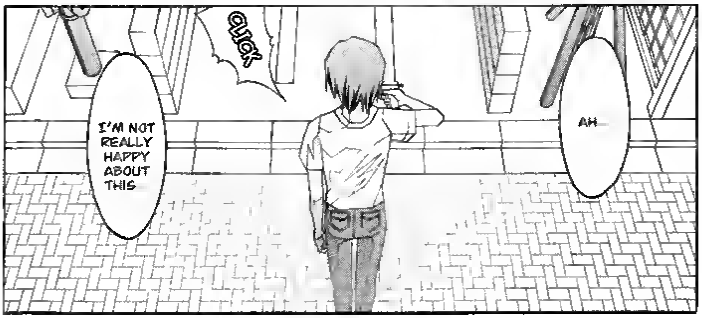
AH...
REALLY...
WHAT AN AGE WE LIVE IN...


ANYTHING SPECIAL?
AND... DID DAISUKE SAY SOMETHING?

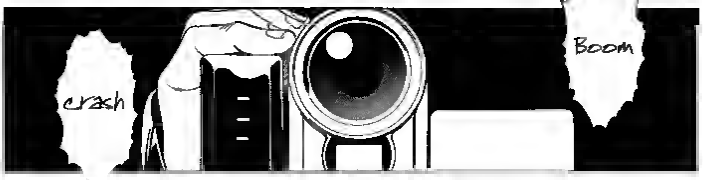

"YOUR LIFE IS A FAILURE" OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
HE SAW WORDS APPEARING IN HIS ROOM

CAN YOU DIE FOR ME ONCE?
HITOMI-SAN
WHAT!?
OH...


.....?
IN THE GAME I MEAN
AH! SURE

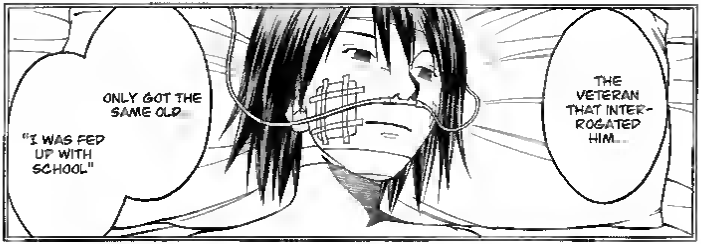

CLICK
I'M NOT REALLY HAPPY ABOUT THIS
AH...

厳禁
駐車するとゴミの
ができません。

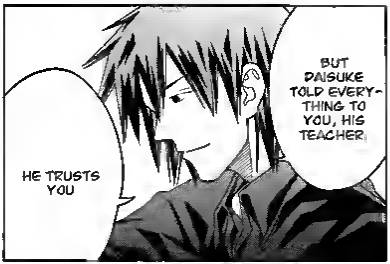

crash
Boom

あなたの人生は
失敗しました。
リセットして下さい。
"YOU HAVE FAILED AT LIFE"
"PLEASE RESET"

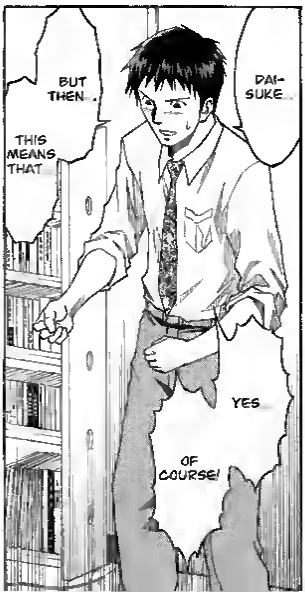
I THINK...
THAT'S IT
THIS INFORMATION IS REALLY IMPORTANT
I SEE..
AS EXPECTED OF A TEACHER
DID HE REALLY SAW THIS IN HIS ROOM?
THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME
HE WAS STILL SHOCKED, BUT...
HUH?
DIDN'T TELL ANYTHING TO THE POLICE
YOUR STUDENT, DAISUKE...


ONLY GOT THE SAME OLD "I WAS FED UP WITH SCHOOL"
THE VETERAN THAT INTERROGATED HIM...

DAISUKE TRUSTS
ME?


BUT DAISUKE TOLD EVERYTHING TO YOU, HIS TEACHER
HE TRUSTS YOU

.....?

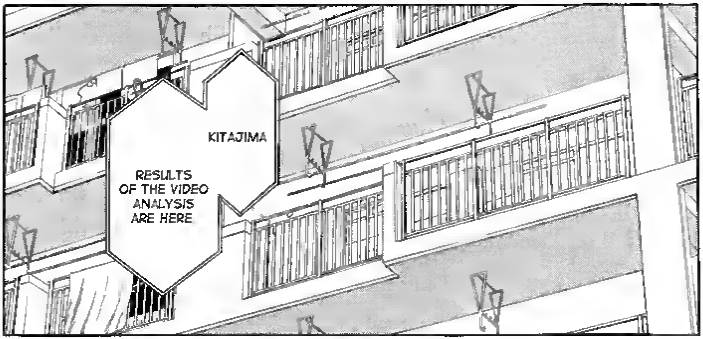

DAISUKE...
BUT THEN...
THIS MEANS THAT
YES
OF COURSE!

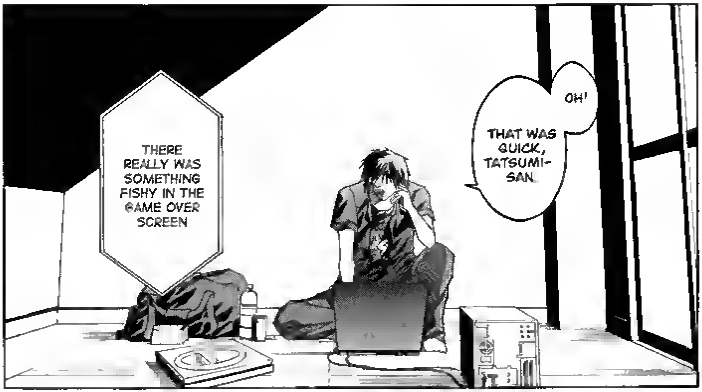
SORRY, NAKAJIMA
I HAVE TO GO!
BYE!
ERR... OK...

パタン…
THIS GUY CAN'T STAY PUT
YEAH…
WELL THEN, ME TOO…
I'M GOING HOME
BUT…
HOME?
WHERE DO YOU LIVE EXACTLY?
JUST ABOVE
IN ROOM 803
I THOUGHT THERE WAS NO ONE JUST ABOVE
WELL…
LET'S JUST SAY I'M BORROWING THE ROOM
DON'T TELL THE JANITOR
BYE

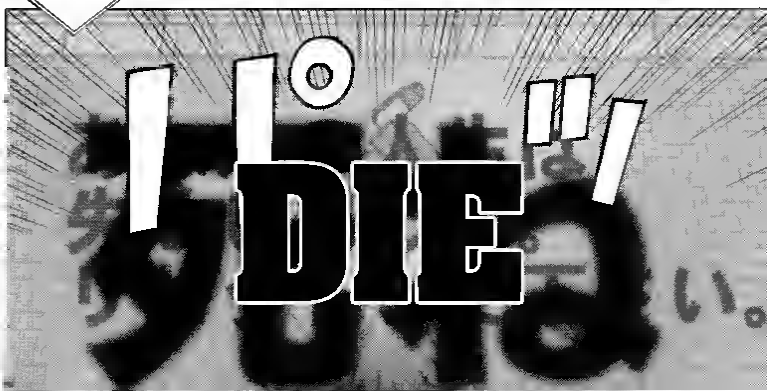
HA...

IN THE END
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING


KITAJIMA
RESULTS OF THE VIDEO ANALYSIS ARE HERE


THERE REALLY WAS SOMETHING FISHY IN THE GAME OVER SCREEN
OH! THAT WAS QUICK, TATSUMI-SAN.

THIS IS A SUBLIMINAL MESSAGE TECHNIQUE THAT WAS VERY POPULAR ON THE NET SOME TIME AGO
WHEN ADJUSTING THE LUMINOSITY OF THE SCREEN, YOU GET THIS
WHEN ZOOMING IN, YOU CAN SEE THE DETAILS


"DIE"

AH HA, QUITE A STRAIGHT MESSAGE
SO? DOES IT REALLY AFFECT THE UNCONSCIOUS MIND?
I DON'T KNOW...
THIS IS ONLY A THEORY, BUT...
DYING IN A GAME THAT IS SO REAL
CAN PUT A LOT OF STRAIN ON THE PLAYER
THE VIRTUAL "YOU" DIES WHILE...
THE REAL "YOU" IS STILL SAFE
THIS GAP...
CAN HAVE PSYCHOLOGICAL REPERCUSSIONS

I HAVE TROUBLE BELIEVING THIS
IT DIDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR ME.
IT PROBABLY DOESN'T WORK ON EVERYONE.
YEAH
AND YOU NEVER DIE IN THIS GAME ANYWAY
BUT THOSE THAT DON'T REALLY WANT TO LIVE...
OR THOSE THAT CAN'T DIFFERENTIATE THE REAL FROM THE VIRTUAL ANYMORE
WILL WANT TO FIND THE "ANSWER"
THE "ANSWER"?
IS OUR WORLD THE REAL ONE?

THEY ALL FALL INTO THIS PSYCHOSIS
TO FIND OUT, THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION "SUICIDE"
THE CREATOR OF THIS GAME...
WANTS THE DEATH OF THE PLAYERS
ANYWAY THERE'S ONE THING THAT IS CERTAIN
KILL ITS PLAYERS...
A GAME CREATED TO...
THIS IS "DYSTOPIA".
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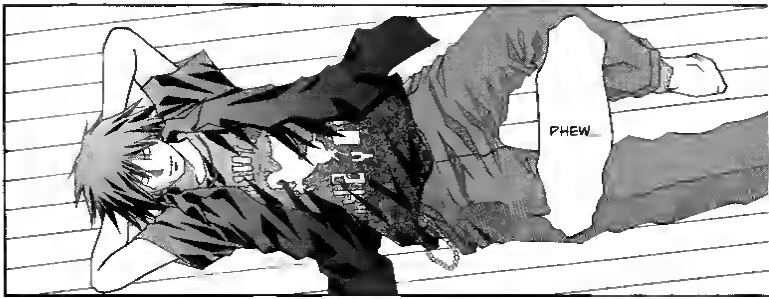
PHEW...

WHAT A MESS

OH WELL!
LET'S TRY THIS!

IS ON TOP OF THE A BUILDING
GM'S ROOM
WIND'S SPEED OK
FIRING ANGLE OK
FIRE!

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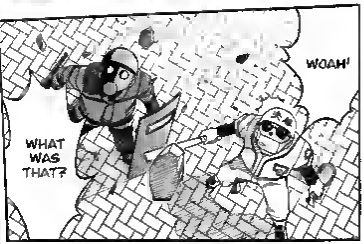
WOAH!
WHAT WAS THAT?

ゴゴゴゴゴゴ
HEY
ISN'T THAT
THAT DAMN CHEATER?

HE'S COMING!
Hyuu
Hyuu
!
DAMN! HE CAN GO THROUGH THE MATTER!
DAMN!
Hyuu
Hyuu
Hyuu

BIQIP
BIQIP

Hyuu
INTRU-
DERS
WILL
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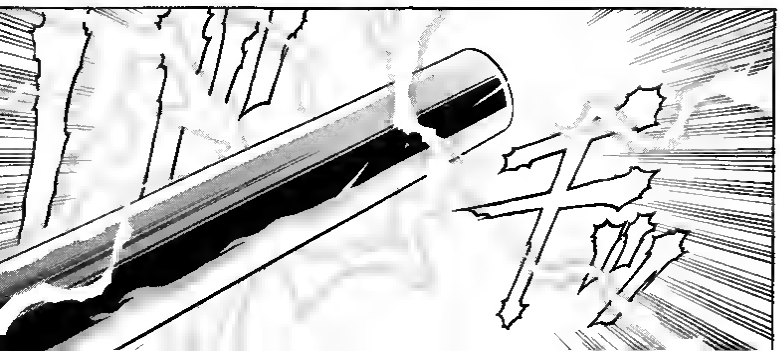
SHIT!
HE'S
INVIN-
CIBLE!



HYAH!
HYAH!
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT

THIS IS BAD!

CLUNG
ARGH!

ACCOUNT DELETED!
AMAZING...
GM KILLED THE DAMN CHEATER!
GM IS THE BEST!
YEAAAAAAH!
GM FOR THE WIN!
Hyaa!
HAIL GM!
Hyaa!
HUR RAY FOR GM!

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DAISUKE
ARE YOU SLEEPING?
DAISUKE
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND.
HOW COULD YOU THINK OF SUICIDE...
JUST LIKE THAT SO EASILY

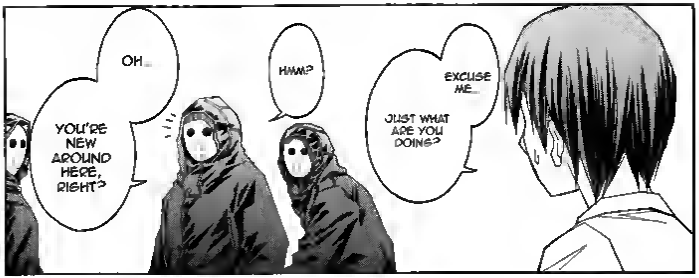
YOU HAVE TO LIVE
YOU HAVE TO CLING ON TO LIFE

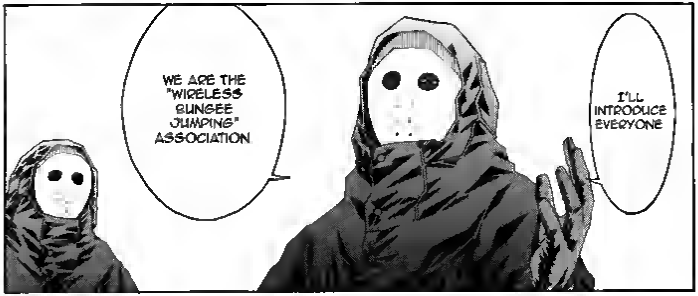
WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT SUICIDE?
TEACHER

THEN IT'S NOT A PROBLEM, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMMIT SUICIDE?
AND IF MY PARENTS WON'T CRY...
BECAUSE MY PARENTS WILL CRY?

DAISUKE
I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE
OF COURSE IT'S A PROBLEM!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SO DON'T EVER THINK AGAIN...
ABOUT COMMITTING SUICIDE!

YAHOO!!
7 POINTS!
6 POINTS!
5 POINTS!
HE MISSED THE LAND-ING
TOO BAD


EXCUSE ME...
JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HMM?
OH...
YOU'RE NEW AROUND HERE, RIGHT?


I'LL INTRODUCE EVERYONE
WE ARE THE "WIRELESS BUNGEE JUMPING" ASSOCIATION

WIRE-LESS...
BUNGEE?
THIS A SPORT I INVENTED
LOOK
HERE'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE
THE BLOOD MUST FORM THE MOST BEAUTI-FUL CIRCLE POSSIBLE

IS IT FUN?
A LOT!
AND IT'S GOOD FOR THE MORALE.
YOU HAVE TO LAND FLAT ON THE GROUND.
WHILE MAKING A "Y" SHAPE.
OH...

IT'S HARD TO SEE HOW LUCKY YOU ARE TO BE HEALTHY.
FOR EXAMPLE...
UNLESS YOU'RE SICK OR INJURED

THIS IS JUST A GAME
MOREOVER, IT'S COMPLETELY SAFE
UMM. I UNDERSTAND.
THAT YOU REALLY REALIZE YOU ARE ALIVE.
SO IT'S ONLY WHEN FACING DEATH...

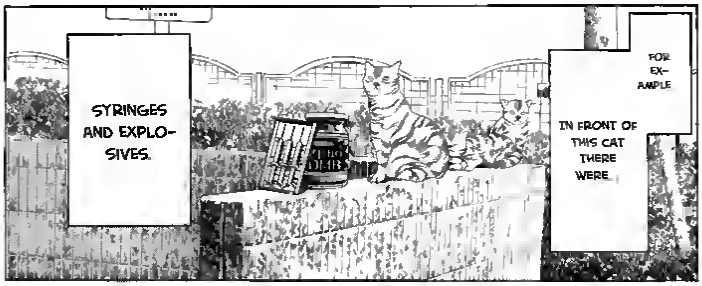
I WISH FOR LIFE TO BE BRIGHT TODAY ONCE AGAIN!
ONE!
BUNGEE!
TWO!
I AM AN OFFICE WORKER
I JUMP EVERY MORNING, BEFORE GOING TO WORK.
JUMP!
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BUNGEE JUMPING
BUT...

AH
UGH!
DO YOU PLAY VIDEO GAMES?
HITO-MI-SAN
.....

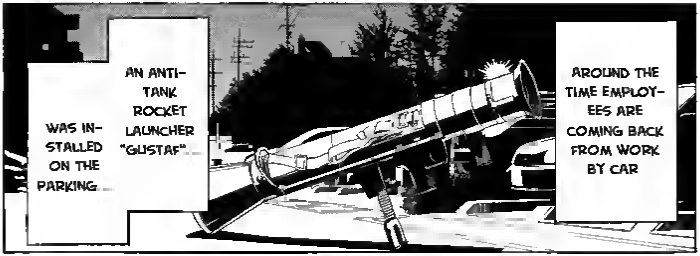
THEN DO YOU KNOW OF THE TERM "LEVEL DESIGN"?
FINAL FANTASY AND DRAGON QUEST SOMETIMES
YES
I UNDER-STAND EVEN LESS
? ?
YES
LET'S SAY THAT DURING A GAME
YOU ENCOUN-TER A VERY POWERFUL BOSS
THIS DOESN'T RING A BELL.
NO.
IT RELIES ON "ARRANGE-MENTS" AND "ADJUST-MENTS"
TO SUMMA-RIZE
IT'S A WAY TO TRANSMIT A MESSAGE
THIS IS A MESSAGE EVERY PLAYER CAN UNDER-STAND.
A WEAPON YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE
AND LET'S SAY YOU SEE ON THE FLOOR

"USE THIS TO KILL HIM"
IS THAT IT?
...
EXACTLY!
I PLAYED QUITE A LOT OF GAMES
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A DISGUSTING ONE
...
THE CREATOR
IS REALLY FUCKED UP FOR SURE

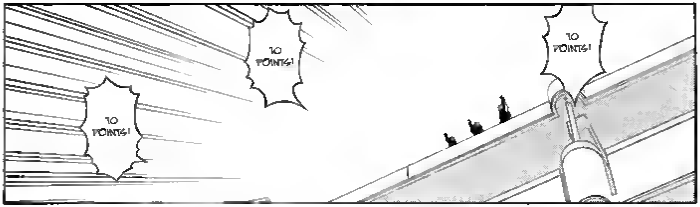
DYSTOPIA, A VIRTUAL WORLD WITH INCREDIBLE REALISM.
BUT, WHEN YOU OBSERVE THE "ARRANGEMENTS" AND "ADJUSTMENTS"...
YOU UNDERSTAND THAT A FRIGHTENING MURDERING FRENZY REIGNS...

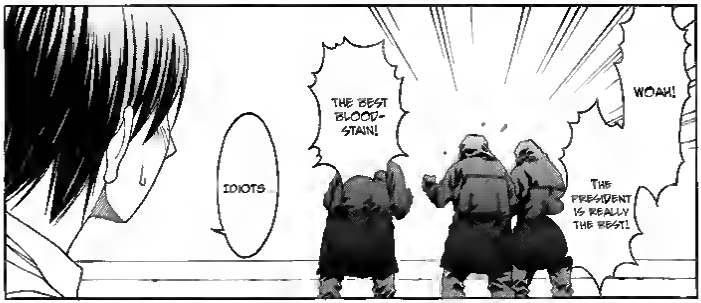

FOR EXAMPLE
IN FRONT OF THIS CAT THERE WERE
SYRINGES AND EXPLOSIVES.

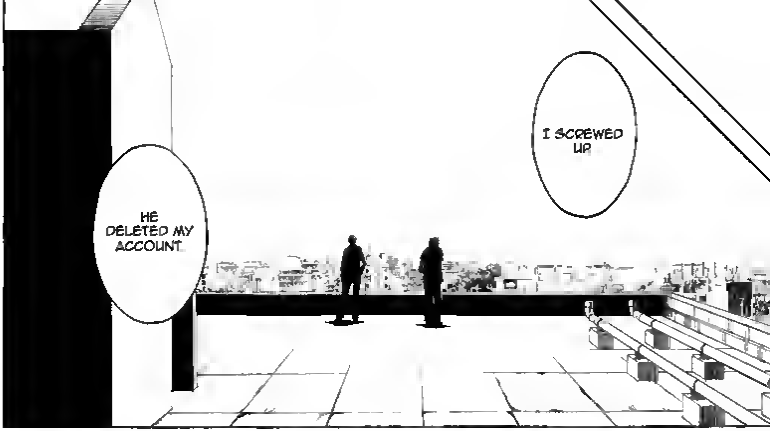
CLOSE TO THE SANDBOX WHERE THE KIDS ARE PLAYING THERE WERE
AN IMPRESSIVE QUANTITY OF CLAYMORE MINES.

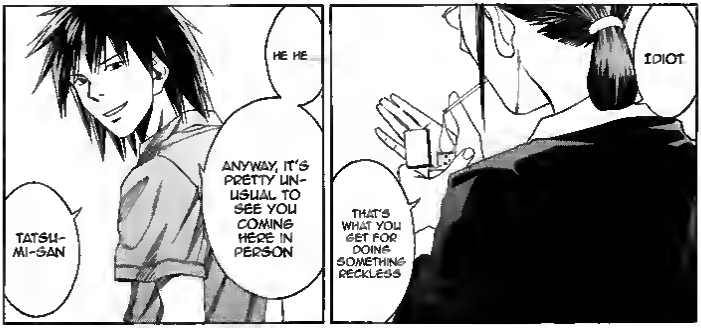

AN ANTI-TANK ROCKET LAUNCHER "GUSTAF"
WAS INSTALLED ON THE PARKING
AROUND THE TIME EMPLOYEES ARE COMING BACK FROM WORK BY CAR

THIS IS THE RULE OF DYSTOPIA.
ENJOYING KILLING IN ALL THE POSSIBLE WAYS.

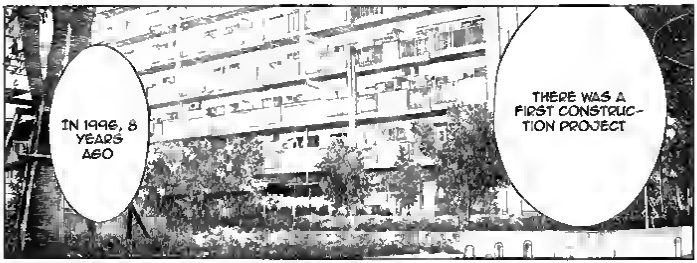

10 POINTS!
10 POINTS!
10 POINTS!


IDIOTS
THE BEST BLOOD-STAIN!
WOAH!
THE PRESIDENT IS REALLY THE BEST!


I SCREWED UP.
HE DELETED MY ACCOUNT.

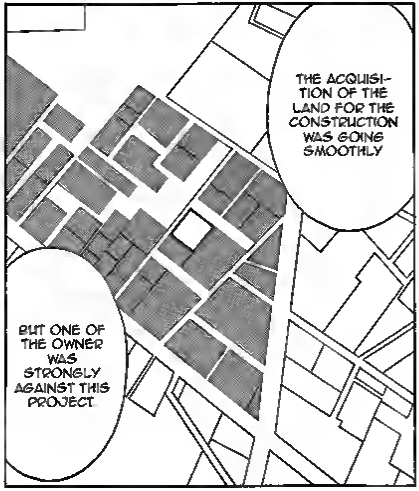

HE HE...
ANYWAY, IT'S PRETTY UNUSUAL TO SEE YOU COMING HERE IN PERSON
TATSUMI-SAN
IDIOT.
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR DOING SOMETHING RECKLESS

IT'S ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE ASAMIGAWA RESIDENCE.
IT SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.
I'M BRINGING YOU NEW INFO.


IN 1996, 8 YEARS AGO
THERE WAS A FIRST CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

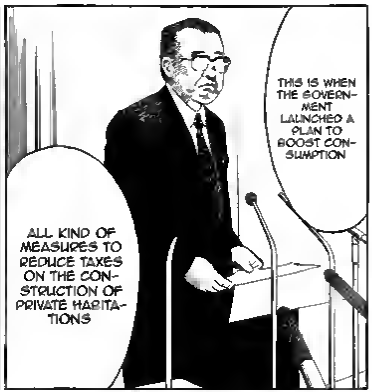
IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE, RIGHT?
PLEASE CONTINUE.
HEY, DON'T LIE DOWN ON THE FLOOR

THIS IS THE CURRENT JANITOR OF THE RESIDENCE
YANO MASAKO


THE ACQUISITION OF THE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WAS GOING SMOOTHLY
BUT ONE OF THE OWNER WAS STRONGLY AGAINST THIS PROJECT

THE PROMOTERS
THE POTENTIAL RESIDENTS
AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOPED TO REVIVE THE LOCAL ECONOMY
THERE WERE MANY THAT
COULDN'T ACCEPT YANO'S OPPOSITION

補正予算案可決
減税額過去最大規模
IT AMOUNTED TO AROUND 5 MILLIONS YEN PER HOME


THIS IS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED A PLAN TO BOOST CONSUMPTION
ALL KIND OF MEASURES TO REDUCE TAXES ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE HABITATIONS

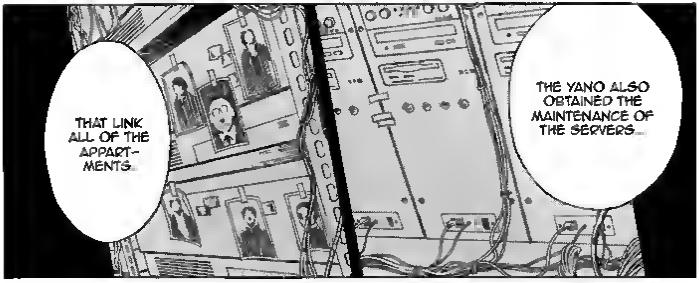
THIS MEASURE SHOULD HAVE ENDED IN 1999
FUTURE RESIDENTS WERE BEGINNING TO GET IMPATIENT

AND ON THE 18 NOVEMBER 1999...
A FIRE BROKE OUT AT THE YANO'S HOME
THEIR HOUSE WAS REDUCED TO ASHES

YANO HIROKI, THE ELDEST SON, DIDN'T MANAGE TO RUN AWAY FROM THE FIRE.
HE WAS BURNED AT 80%
HE'S STILL UNDER TREAT-MENT.

IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THE WORK OF A PRO
AND THE CASE WAS CLOSED.

THE YANO WERE FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOUSE
GIVE THEM AN APPARTMENT AT THE TOP OF THE BUILDING A
BUT THE PROMOTER ENDED UP ACCEPTING TO
AND NOMI-NATED MISS YANO AS JANITOR


THAT LINK ALL OF THE APPART-MENTS...
THE YANO ALSO OBTAINED THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SERVERS...

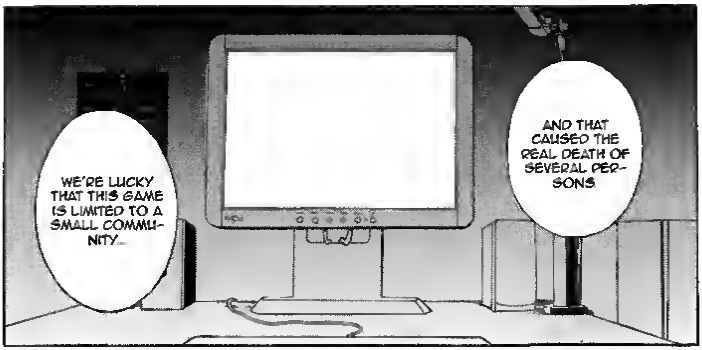
BUT THE PRO-MOTER PROB-ABLY THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD WAY TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE YANO...
THIS IS QUITE UN-USUAL.
SO, THE ONE THEY WANTED TO GET RID OF BECAME THE JANITOR, HUH

THE PROBLEM IS 6M.
WHAT IS HIS GOAL?
SLAUGH-TER ALL THE RESI-DENTS?

AS A JANI-TOR, MISS YANO IS WELL-LIKED
SHE IS SERI-OUS AND DOESN'T HOLD BACK WHILE WORK-ING.

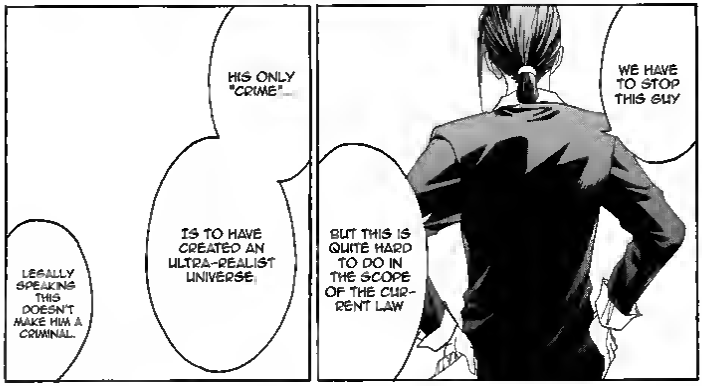
IS REALLY STRONG IN HIM.
ANYWAY, THE THIRST FOR VENGEANCE AGAINST THE ONE THAT STARTED THE FIRE...

THEN WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH AN ACT OF CYBERCRIMINALITY...
LIKE WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE...
IF EVERYTHING IS VERIFIED...


WE'RE LUCKY THAT THIS GAME IS LIMITED TO A SMALL COMMUNITY...
AND THAT CAUSED THE REAL DEATH OF SEVERAL PERSONS

IF DYSTOPIA WENT FROM A LAN TO A WAN...
IF IT SPREAD TO THE ENTIRE WORLD...
THIS WOULD BE A DISASTER ON A PLANETARY SCALE...
*A WAN IS A NETWORK THAT COVERS AN AREA A LOT VASTER THAN THE LAN

THIS IS QUITE A "COMMUNITY SERVICE" YOU GAVE ME
ANYWAY


HIS ONLY "CRIME"
IS TO HAVE CREATED AN ULTRA-REALIST UNIVERSE
LEGALLY SPEAKING THIS DOESN'T MAKE HIM A CRIMINAL.
WE HAVE TO STOP THIS GUY
BUT THIS IS QUITE HARD TO DO IN THE SCOPE OF THE CURRENT LAW

"THE JAPANESE LAW DOESN'T RECOGNIZE
THE EFFECTS OF SUBLIMINAL MESSAGES ON THE UNCONSCIOUS MIND
IT'S NOT ENOUGH
WHAT ABOUT THAT OTHER THING?
THE SUBLIMINAL MESSAGE THAT SAID "DIE"

WE COULD MAKE IT PASS AS INCITEMENT TO SUICIDE
BUT IT WILL BE HARD
WE HAVE TO FIND A SOLUTION
WE NEED MATERIAL EVIDENCE
IN ORDER TO CORNER HIM

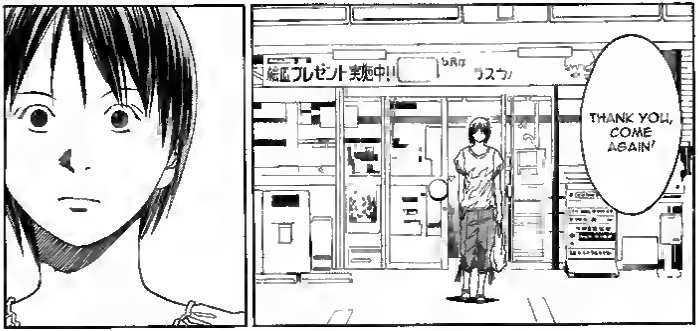
THE 15 JUNE
A MAN'S BODY WAS FOUND
IN THE BUILDING C, ROOM 207 OF THE ASAMIGAWA RESIDENCE
HIS NAME WAS AKITSU SHINGO
28 YEARS OLD
HE WAS A FREE-LANCE JOURNALIST
THE ROOM WAS CLOSED FROM INSIDE
HE KILLED HIMSELF BY STABBING A PEN INTO HIS NECK
THE TIME OF DEATH IS ESTIMATED TO BE AROUND 2 MONTHS AGO

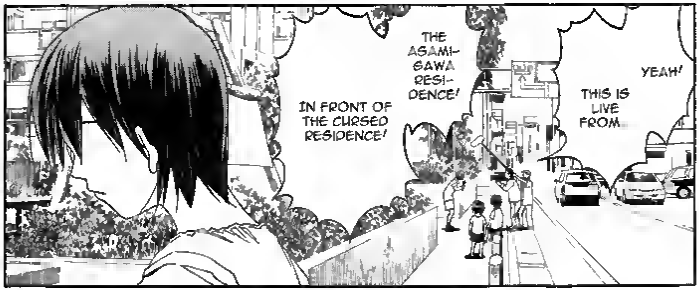
ALMOST MUMMIFIED THE BODY
THE AIR CONDITIONING THAT KEPT ON RUNNING UNTIL THE BODY'S DISCOVERY...

内科
飯夕医院

THERE WERE OTHERS?
YEAH...
THEY KILLED THEMSELVES BY JUMPING THROUGH THE WINDOW.
REALLY?
I HEARD IT WAS ANOTHER SUICIDE
THERE WERE A LOT OF COPS!

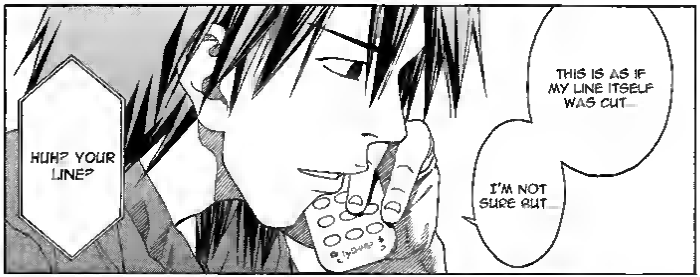
THE ASAMI-GAWA RESI-DENCE...
REALLY IS CURSED

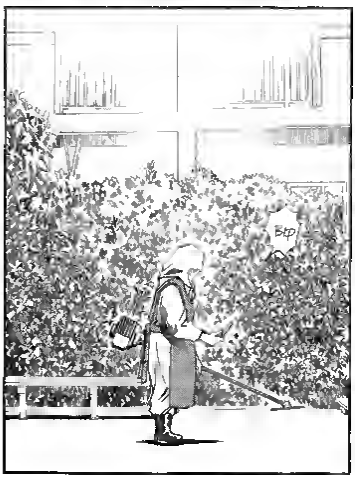

THANK YOU, COME AGAIN!


IN FRONT OF THE CURSED RESIDENCE!
THE ASAMI-GAWA RESI-DENCE!
THIS IS LIVE FROM...
YEAH!

ANOTHER DEATH
AND STILL IN THE SAME PLACE
AH...
SaWit
BUT WHY...
DOES THIS SEEM SO UNREAL?
TAC
TAC
TAC

SO KITAJIMA, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GO BACK?
HMM, THIS IS STRANGE


THIS IS AS IF MY LINE ITSELF WAS CUT...
I'M NOT SURE BUT...
HUH? YOUR LINE?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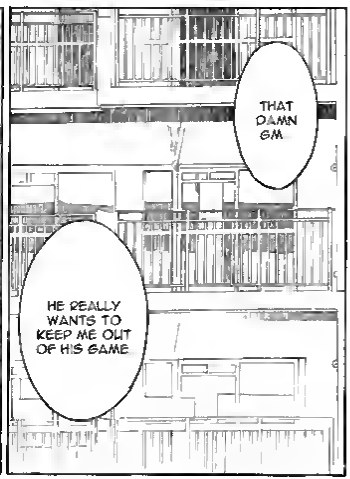

THAT DAMN GM
HE REALLY WANTS TO KEEP ME OUT OF HIS GAME

15:25
The mouse is in building B, room 803, take care of it
チン

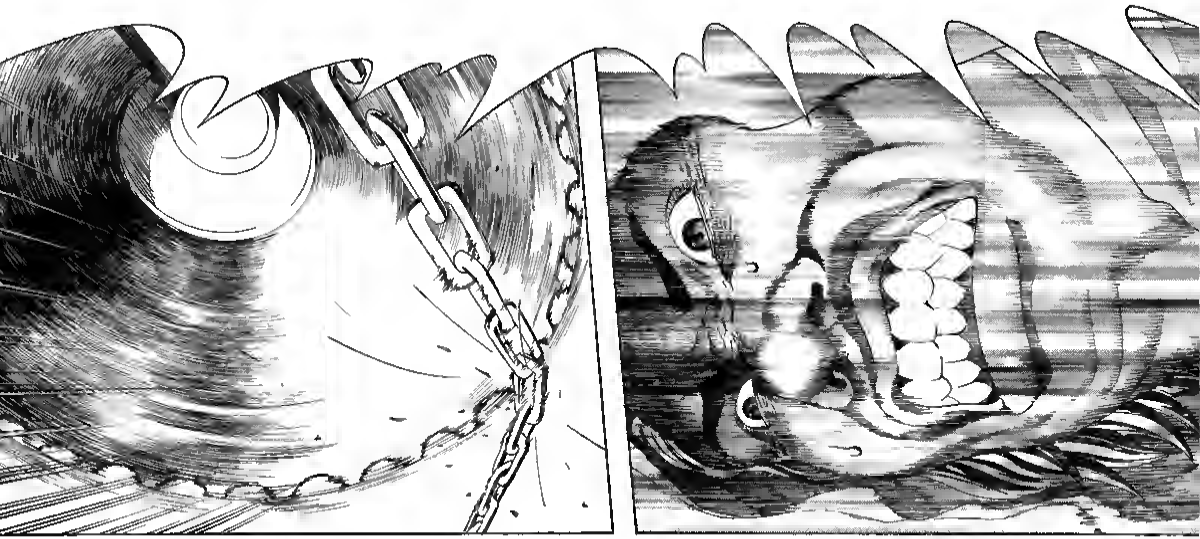
JUST DO SOMETHING
FINDING HOLES IN THE SYSTEM IS YOUR SPECIALTY, RIGHT?
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE IT'S SO EASY BUT
IT'S PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE
DING
ゴゥン
ゴゥン
HELLO
HOW ARE YOU DOING TODAY?

ARE YOU GOING FOR A WALK?
ENJOY YOUR SELVES AND BE CAREFUL!
YES
THANK YOU
HELLO
HELLO
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT
JUST DO YOUR JOB
WHATEVER
ISN'T THERE ANY OTHER EMPTY ROOM?

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
DAMN!
DONG
DING
DING
HUH?

HEY HEY!
DING
DONG
BANG
BANG
AS IF IT COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE...
CLICK
CLICK
BO
BO
BO
BO
BO

GGGIIIIIIIINNN



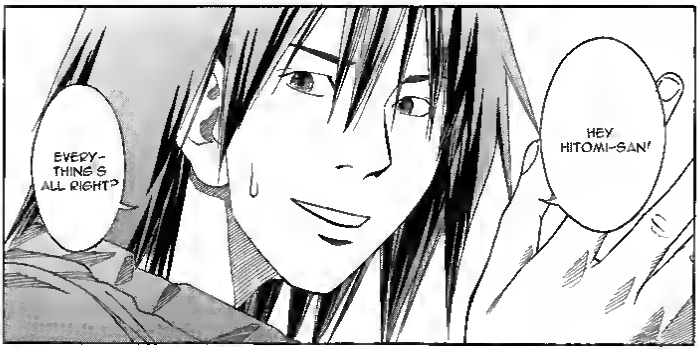
WOAH
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THAT HIGH
AH
I'M DEAD FOR SURE IF I FALL...
HELP

Bip
Bip
TCH

I WAS TOO LATE. HE DISAPPEARED
HELLO, HIRO-KUN?
ALRIGHT, HIRO-KUN?
PLEASE DON'T GET ANGRY!
I'LL MAKE YOU A CHERRY PIE LATER

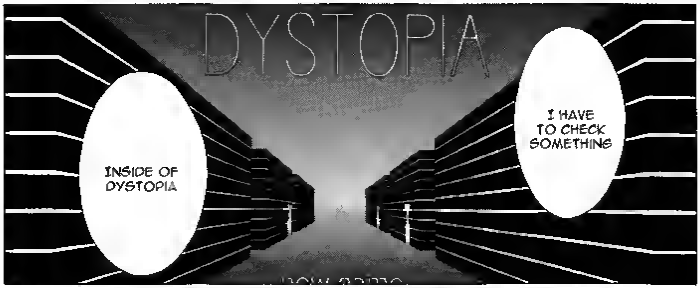
パラ…
女校
AH, THIS IS YOSHIO-KA-KUN
HE LOOKS SO YOUNG IN THIS PICTURE
A PICTURE WITH MY HUSBAND
THE ONLY ONE I HAVE

AH...
SOME HOW...
MY LIFE FEELS EMPTY...
パタ-!...
"PLEASE RESET" HUH?
"YOU HAVE FAILED AT LIFE"
AH!


HEY HITOMI-SAN!
EVERY-THING'S ALL RIGHT?

ACTUALLY, I HAVE A LITTLE FAVOR TO ASK YOU
AH... SORRY, SORRY
ALMOST GAVE ME A HEART ATTACK!
WAH! YOU SURPRISED ME!

AC-COUNT?
.....
TSUTOMU'S ACCOUNT?
CAN I BORROW


DYSTOPIA
INSIDE OF DYSTOPIA
I HAVE TO CHECK SOMETHING

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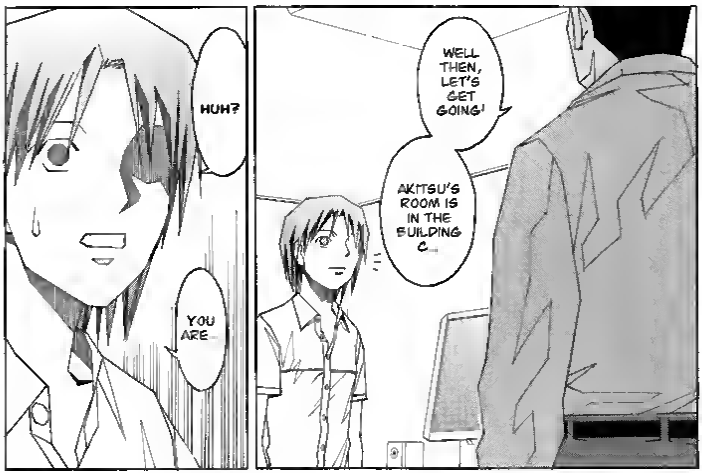
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT AKITSU SHINGO'S SUICIDE?
YES... THE TV CAME
THEY ONLY FOUND HIS BODY YESTERDAY
BUT IT SEEMS HE WAS THE FIRST VICTIM
HUH?
WHY IS THAT?
SINCE HE WAS LIVING ALONE, NO ONE NOTICED HIS DEATH
BUT HE WAS THE FIRST VICTIM OF DYSTOPIA
HUH...
ARE YOU SURE OF THAT?
ANYWAY, IT'S WORTH CHECKING OUT
LET'S GO.
OKAY
Flash
POWER

.....


HUH?
YOU ARE...
AKITSU'S ROOM IS IN THE BUILDING C...
WELL THEN, LET'S GET GOING!

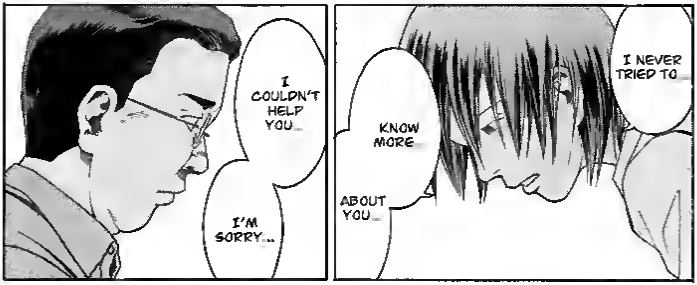
HMM?
TSUTOMU SAN!?
WHY ARE YOU...

AH SORRY
I HAD TO CHANGE THE MODEL DATA
Gish Gish
Gish Gish
Gish Gish

……
Sish Sish
AH… SORRY
I'M REALLY SORRY
PHEW…
IT'S DONE
?
DO THAT AGAIN?
I CAN, BUT… IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
YES, PLEASE DO
HEY… CAN YOU.
DO THAT AGAIN?

Hmm
Yeah
Yeah
Ghuguuuu
IT'S DONE.
TSUTOMU-SAN...

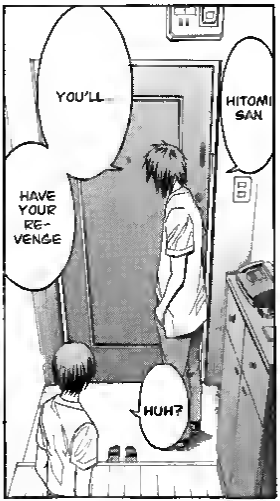
I'M SORRY...


I COULDN'T HELP YOU...
I'M SORRY...
I NEVER TRIED TO...
KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU...

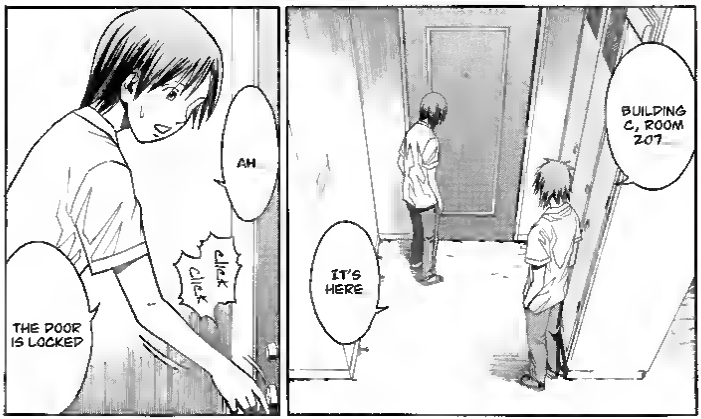
I WAS...
A BAD WIFE...

ALL RIGHT NOW?
IS IT...
Sigh
Sigh
YES.
THANK YOU.
GOOD-BYE.
Ehgnnnn

WE'LL GET THIS GUY...
THAT MADE YOUR HUSBAND KILL HIMSELF.


HITOMI SAN
YOU'LL...
HAVE YOUR REVENGE
HUH?

207
Akitsu

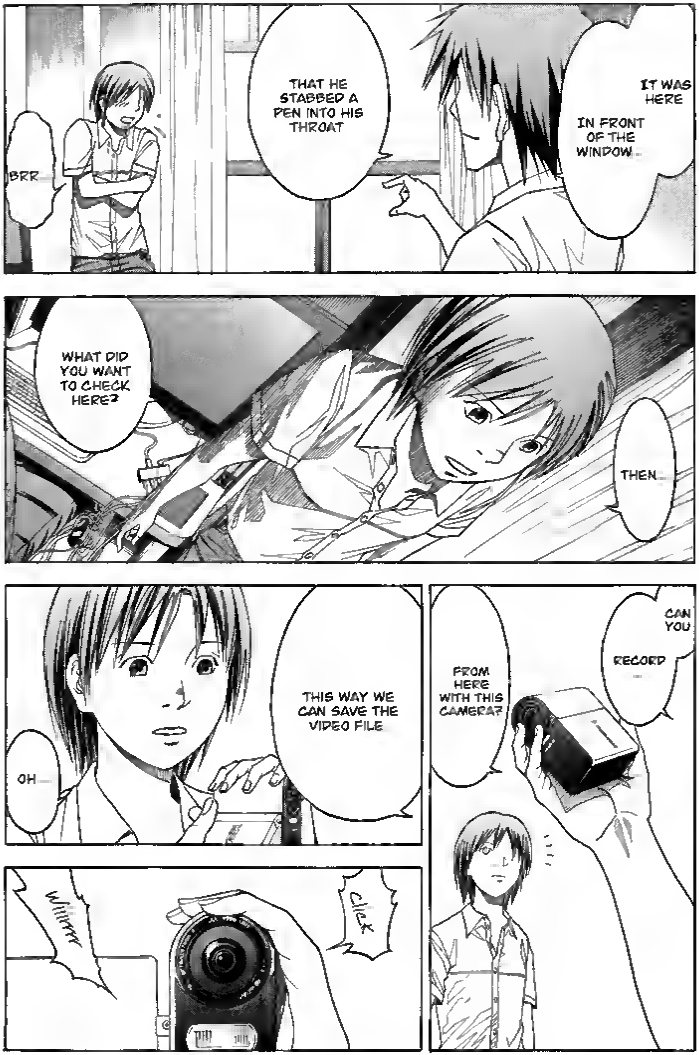

AH
click click
THE DOOR IS LOCKED
IT'S HERE
BUILDING C, ROOM 207

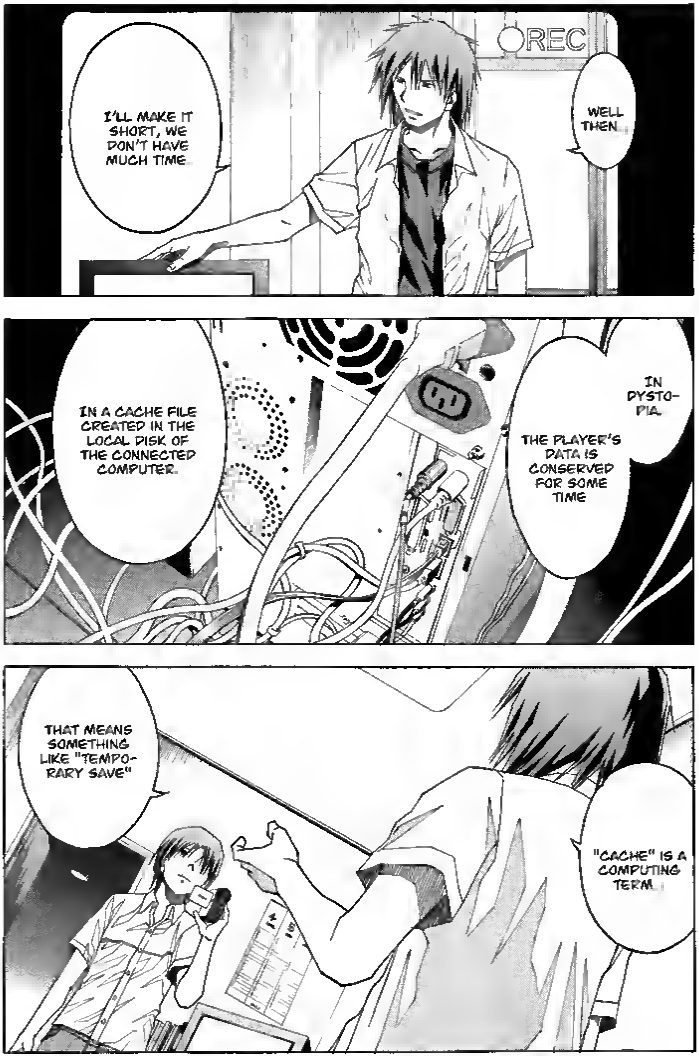
WELL...
IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM IF I USE THIS
WAH!

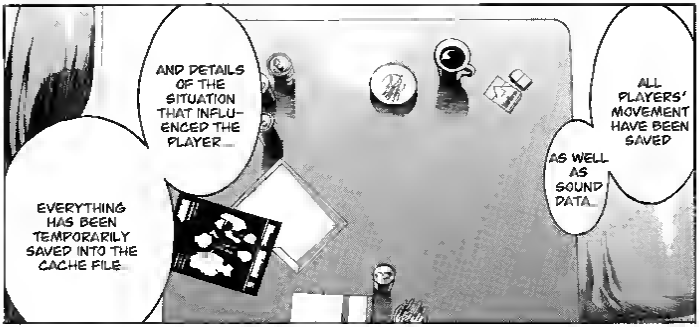
HERE GOES!

THIS IS SCARY...
TO THINK THAT SOME-ONE DIED IN THIS ROOM.
AH HA
WELL, HE DIED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SCREEN.

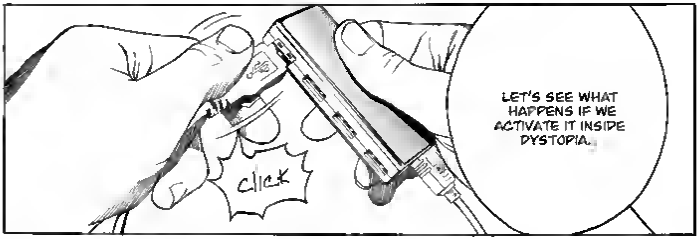
HMM...
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYONE CAME HERE BEFORE US.
THIS IS USE FUL...

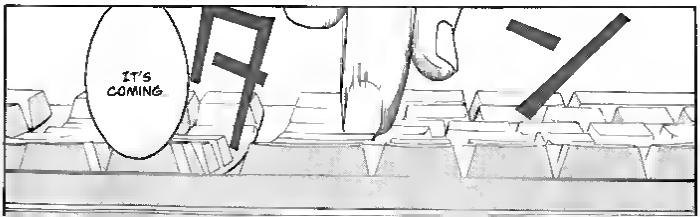

BRR...
THAT HE STABBED A PEN INTO HIS THROAT
IT WAS HERE IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW...
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO CHECK HERE?
THEN...
OH...
THIS WAY WE CAN SAVE THE VIDEO FILE
FROM HERE WITH THIS CAMERA?
CAN YOU RECORD...
WHIRRRR
click


REC
WELL THEN...
I'LL MAKE IT SHORT, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.
IN DYSTOPIA.
THE PLAYER'S DATA IS CONSERVED FOR SOME TIME
IN A CACHE FILE CREATED IN THE LOCAL DISK OF THE CONNECTED COMPUTER.
"CACHE" IS A COMPUTING TERM.
THAT MEANS SOMETHING LIKE "TEMPORARY SAVE"

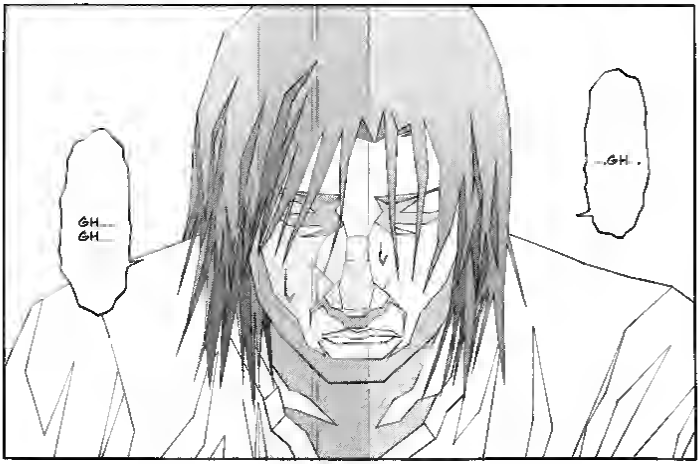

ALL PLAYERS' MOVEMENT HAVE BEEN SAVED
AS WELL AS SOUND DATA...
AND DETAILS OF THE SITUATION THAT INFLUENCED THE PLAYER...
EVERYTHING HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SAVED INTO THE CACHE FILE...

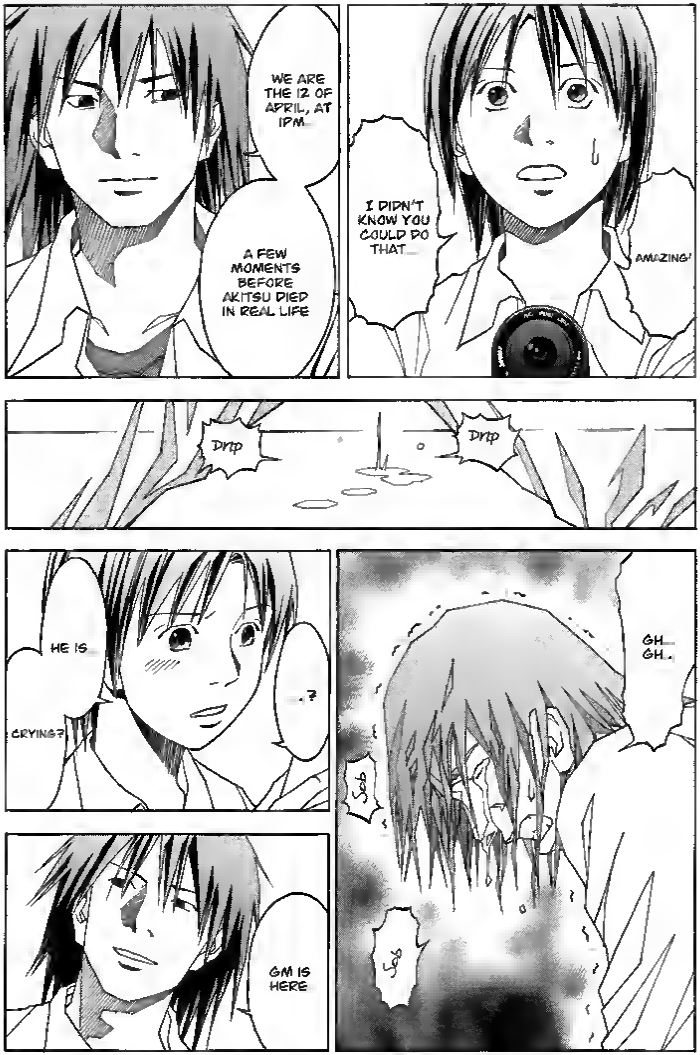
WHAT I HAVE IN MY HAND IS A COPY OF THE HARD DISK OF AKITSU'S PC
IT CONTAINS ALL OF HIS ACTIONS
TO SUMMARIZE, THIS IS A CACHE FILE.


LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS IF WE ACTIVATE IT INSIDE DYSTOPIA.
click


IT'S COMING.

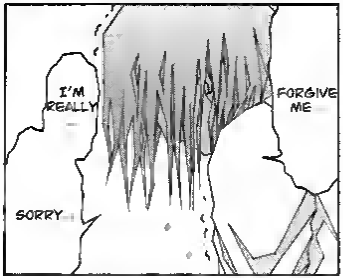
WOAH!


GH...
GH...
...GH...


WE ARE THE 12 OF APRIL, AT 1PM...
A FEW MOMENTS BEFORE AKITSU DIED IN REAL LIFE
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DO THAT...
AMAZING!
DRIP
DRIP
HE IS...
CRYING?
..?
GH... GH..
SOB
SOB
GM IS HERE

Hyun
Hyun
AH..

Hyun
Hyun

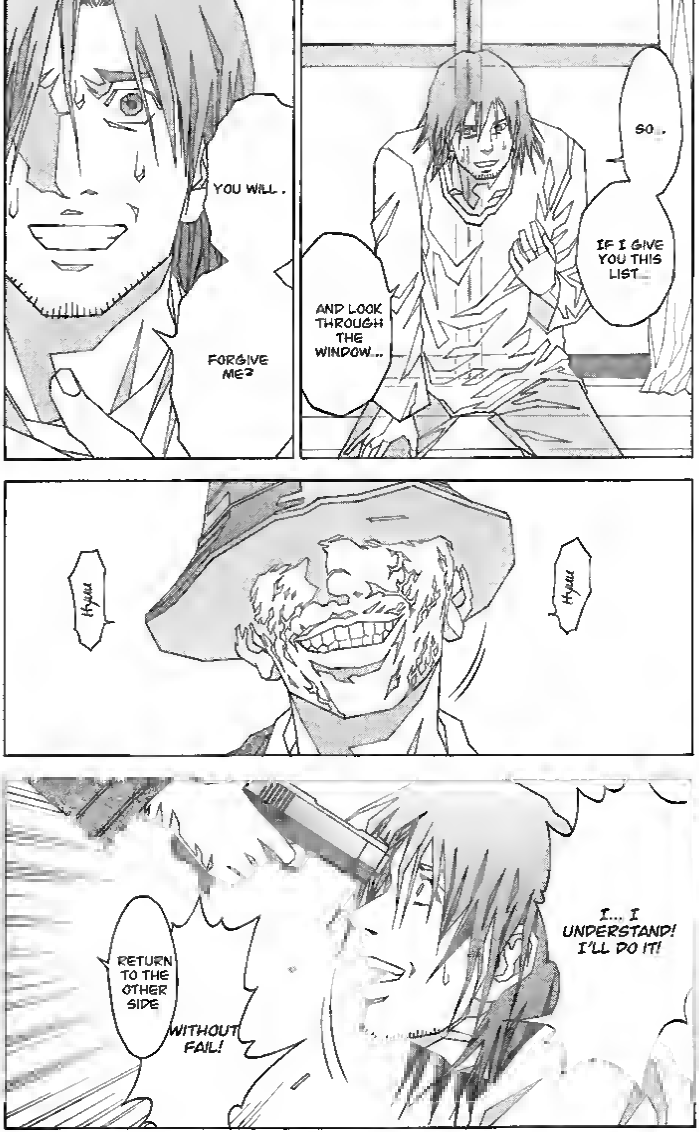

I'M REALLY SORRY
FORGIVE ME

THAT DID IT!
BUT... I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE...

THAT DAY, WE WERE FIVE PEOPLE TO DISCUSS THE CONTRACT
OF THE ASAMIGAWA RESIDENCE PROJECT.
ABOUT THE PROBLEM WITH YANO
ABOUT THE REDUCTION OF TAXES
...?
WHAT IS HE TALK-ING ABOUT?
THIS IS WHEN
WE WENT THERE
IN FRONT OF YANO'S HOME
AND THEN WE STARTED
DRINKING
UNTIL WE WERE ALL DRUNK
AND THEN
JUST FOR FUN
EVERYONE WAS PISSED BECAUSE OF HER STUBBORNESS

WE THREW OUR CIGARETTES...
WE WERE ALL DRUNK!
I SWEAR THAT WAS ALL THERE WAS TO IT!
FORGIVE ME!
A LIST...
WRITE IT.
Hyuu
Hyuu

HUH?
A LIST?
OF PEOPLE THAT WERE WITH ME?
AND THEN...
LOOK THROUGH THE WINDOW
...?
Hyuu... Hyuu...
AND THEN...
YOU'LL BE FORGIVEN


YOU WILL.
FORGIVE ME?
AND LOOK THROUGH THE WINDOW...
IF I GIVE YOU THIS LIST...
SO...
Hyuu
Hyuu
I... I UNDERSTAND! I'LL DO IT!
RETURN TO THE OTHER SIDE
WITHOUT FAIL!

I THINK THAT'S IT

THEN...
WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?
BEFORE THE RESIDENCE WAS BUILT, YANO'S HOUSE WAS SET ON FIRE.
AND AKITSU HAD A PART IN IT.
AKITSU KEPT HIS PROMISE
WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE ROOM, HE WROTE A LIST.
AND THEN HE OPENED THE CURTAIN...
AND LOOKED OUTSIDE...
SAW
AND THERE...
HE SAW SOMETHING.

Нуаа
Нуаа
!
Нуаа
Нуаа

HUH?
HITOMI-SAN! RUN AWAY!
THIS IS GM!
SORRY, BUT
I'M GOING AHEAD!

HUH?
WAIT!
HUH...

Hyuu
Hyuu
Hyuu

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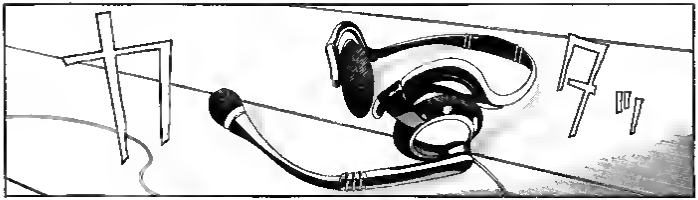
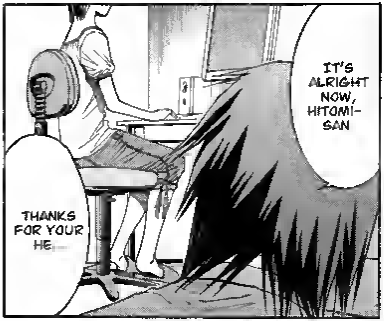


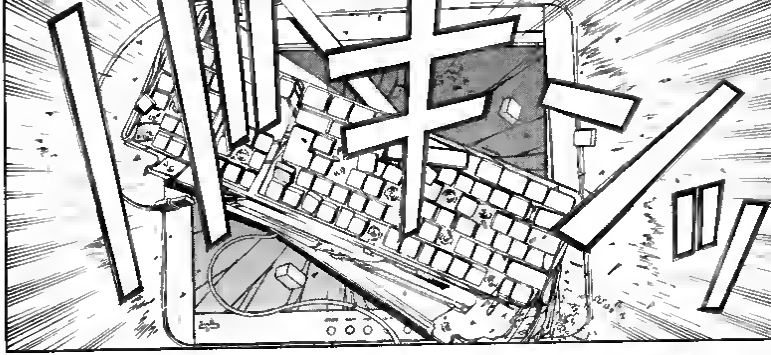

IT'S ALRIGHT NOW, HITOMI-SAN
THANKS FOR YOUR HE...

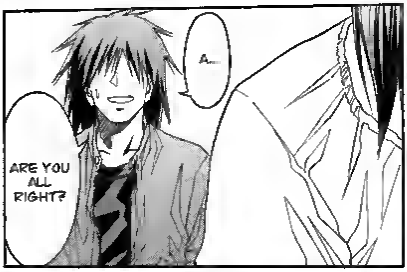
PHEW... THAT WAS CLOSE!
WE MANAGED TO KEEP THE VIDEO

AH...

shiver
shiver
shiver

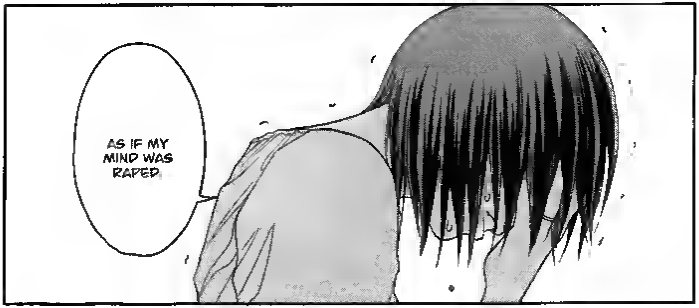
HYUU
Zoom
HYUU
Zoom
HYUU
WOMAN!
HYUU
WOMAN!
HYUU
WOMAN!
HYUU HYUU



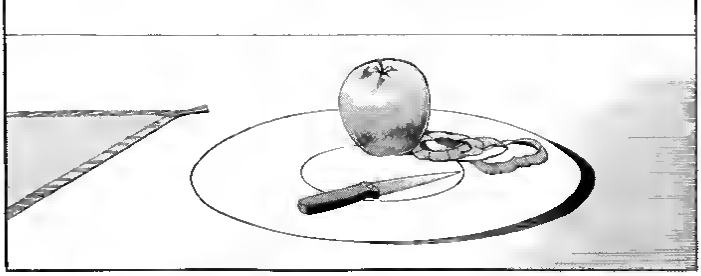

A...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

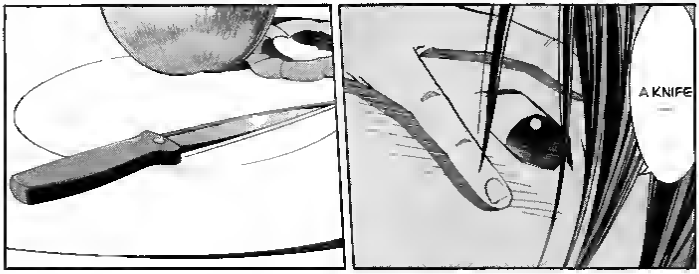
Ha
Ha
Ha

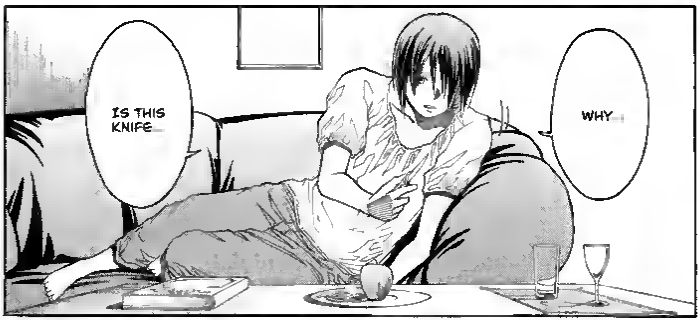
I FEEL
STRANGE

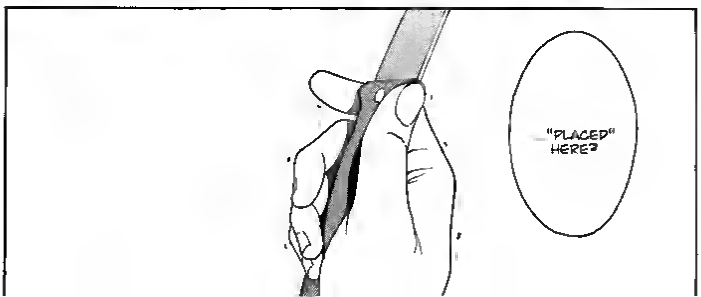

AS IF MY MIND WAS RAPED

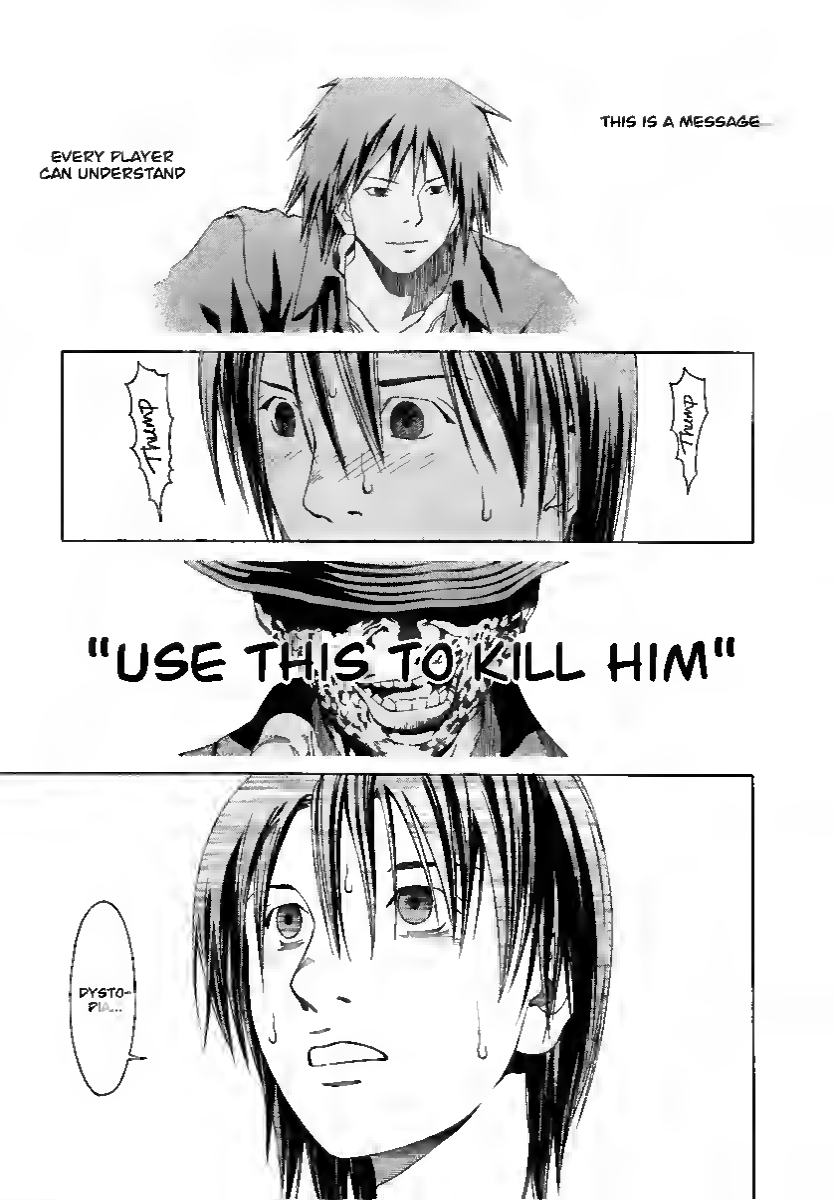
TAKE A GOOD REST
I'LL WAIT OUTSIDE
SORRY
IT WAS MY FAULT
Ha
Ha
Ha




A KNIFE


IS THIS KNIFE
WHY


"PLACED" HERE?


EVERY PLAYER CAN UNDERSTAND
THIS IS A MESSAGE
Thump
Thump
"USE THIS TO KILL HIM"
DYSTO-PIA...

You have
failed at life,
please reset.

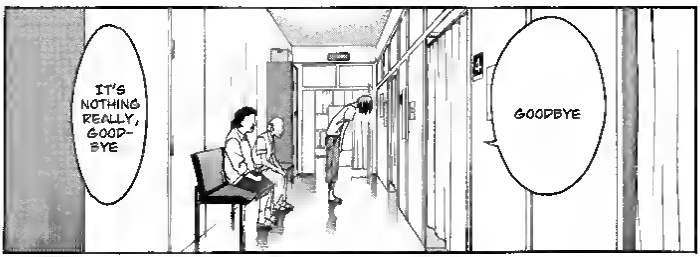
HUH?
WHY DID I DO THAT?
HUH?
HEY!
HITOMI SAN!
HITOMI SAN!

阿左見川病院

WE'LL REMOVE THE STITCHES IN ONE WEEK
IN THE MEAN-TIME, PLEASE REST.

FORTU-NATELY, WE WERE ABLE TO INTERVENE QUICKLY
YOU WON'T NEED TO BE HOSPI-TALIZED

THANK YOU DOCTOR
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING

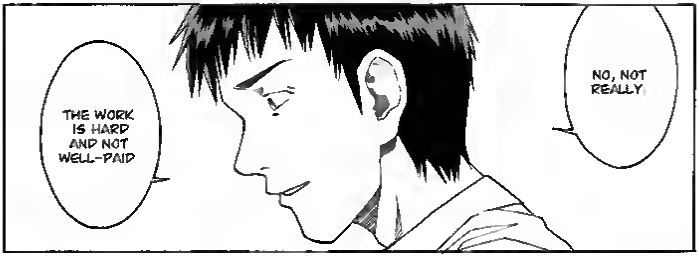

GOODBYE
IT'S NOTHING REALLY, GOOD-BYE

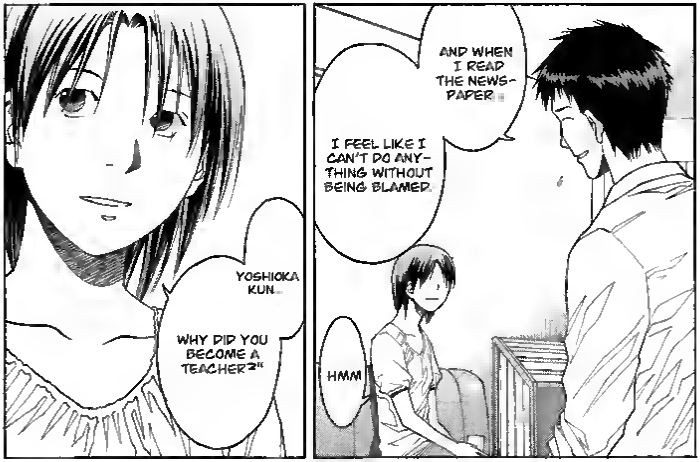
NAKAJIMA!
AH!

YOSHIO-KA-KUN!

AH.
NO.
IT'S NOTH-ING...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SEE A FRIEND...
UMM
I CAME TO...
ARE YOU ILL?

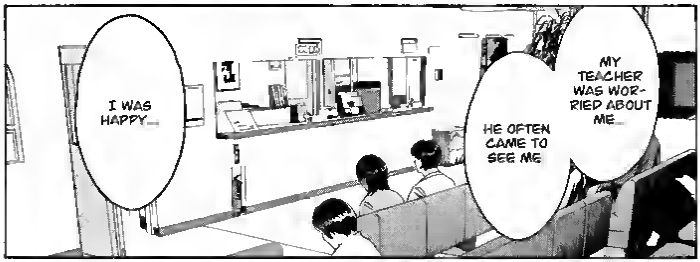
I BORROWED THIS FROM THE LIBRARY
OH
I CAME TO READ SOME STORIES TO DAISUKE
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
YEAH
LET'S JUST SAY THIS IS PART OF MY JOB, TOO.
I SEE..
YOU'RE REALLY WORKING HARD
COFFEE
SOFTDRINK
IS IT FUN BEING A TEACHER?
HEY.

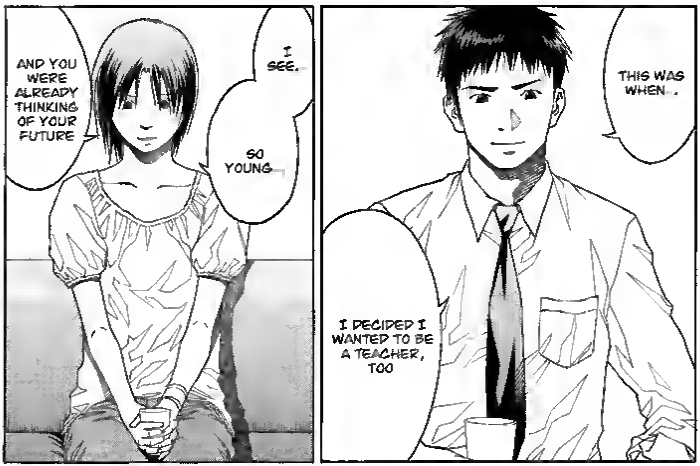

NO, NOT REALLY.
THE WORK IS HARD AND NOT WELL-PAID

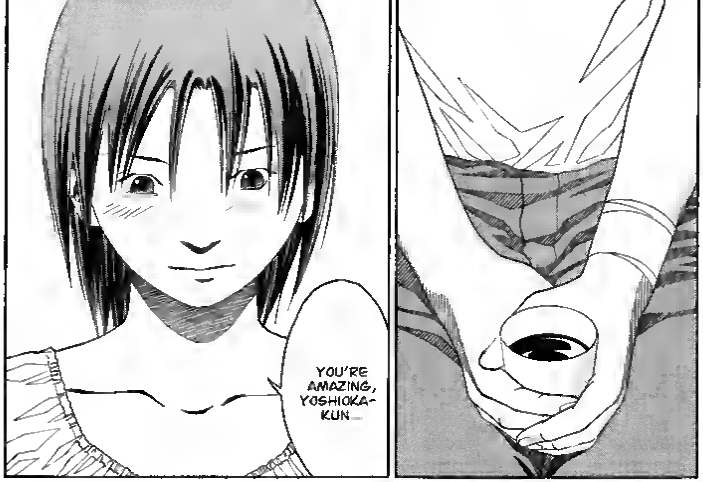

AND WHEN I READ THE NEWS-PAPER...
I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T DO ANY-THING WITHOUT BEING BLAMED.
HMM
YOSHIOKA KUN...
WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER?"

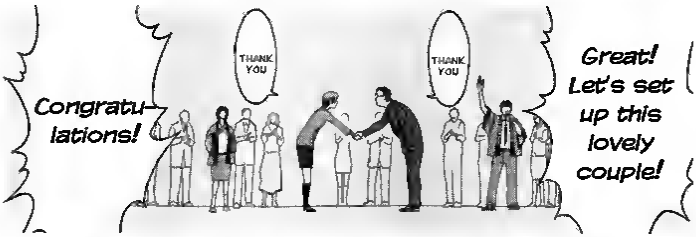
HMM
I JUST WANTED TO KNOW
HUH?
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THAT?

COFFEE
SOFT DRINK
MY PARENTS DIVORCED WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.
WELL
IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE


I WAS HAPPY...
HE OFTEN CAME TO SEE ME
MY TEACHER WAS WORRIED ABOUT ME...

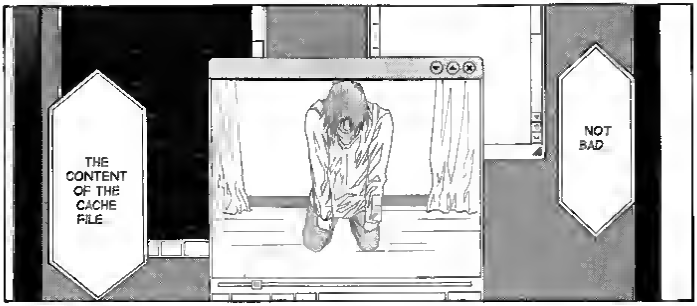

AND YOU WERE ALREADY THINKING OF YOUR FUTURE
I SEE.
SO YOUNG...
I DECIDED I WANTED TO BE A TEACHER, TOO
THIS WAS WHEN...

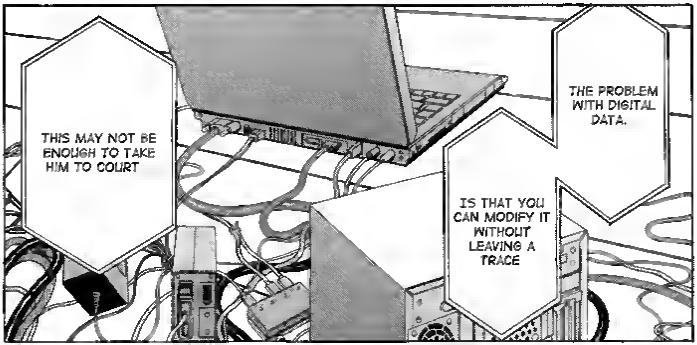

YOU'RE AMAZING, YOSHIOKA-KUN...

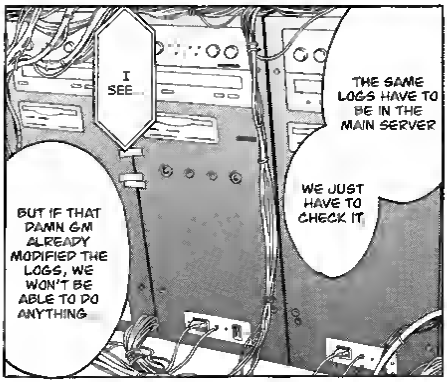

Congratulations!
THANK YOU
THANK YOU
Great! Let's set up this lovely couple!

YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING...

THIS IS NOTHING AMAZING
EVERYONE THINKS...
ABOUT THIER OWN FUTURE, RIGHT?
YEAH
YOU'RE RIGHT
AH
SORRY, BUT...
I HAVE TO GO AND SEE DAISUKE
OK
GOOD LUCK
YOSHIO-KA-KUN...
I'M SURE YOU'LL BECOME A GREAT TEACHER...


THE CONTENT OF THE CACHE FILE
NOT BAD


THIS MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TO TAKE HIM TO COURT
THE PROBLEM WITH DIGITAL DATA.
IS THAT YOU CAN MODIFY IT WITHOUT LEAVING A TRACE


I SEE...
THE SAME LOGS HAVE TO BE IN THE MAIN SERVER
WE JUST HAVE TO CHECK IT
BUT IF THAT DAMN GM ALREADY MODIFIED THE LOGS, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING...

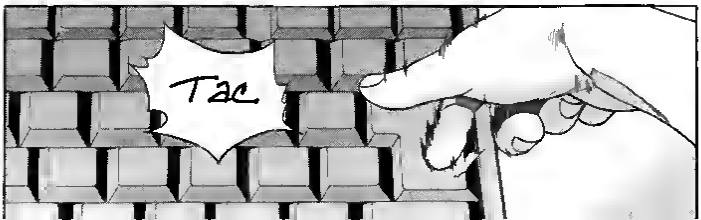
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY...
ABOUT THAT...

HMM... IT'S A LITTLE RISKY. BUT WE'LL HAVE TO TRY THIS
WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE
I THINK I'M ON SOME-THING
SECURITY FATAL HOLE
TATSUMI SAN...
GIVE ME TWO MORE MINUTES...
WAIT WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?
WITH THIS, I CAN TAKE OVER DYSTOPIA.
AND TAKE THIS BASTARD DOWN

KITA-JIMA?
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOUR VOICE IS STRANGE

IT'S NOTHING
I'M JUST A LITTLE NERVOUS

A MAT-TRESS?
YES, IT WILL BE USEFUL REALLY SOON
AN-OTHER THING
CAN YOU PUT AN AIR MATTRESS TO THE LEFT OF THE SECOND BENCH...
NEAR THE MAIN EN-TRANCE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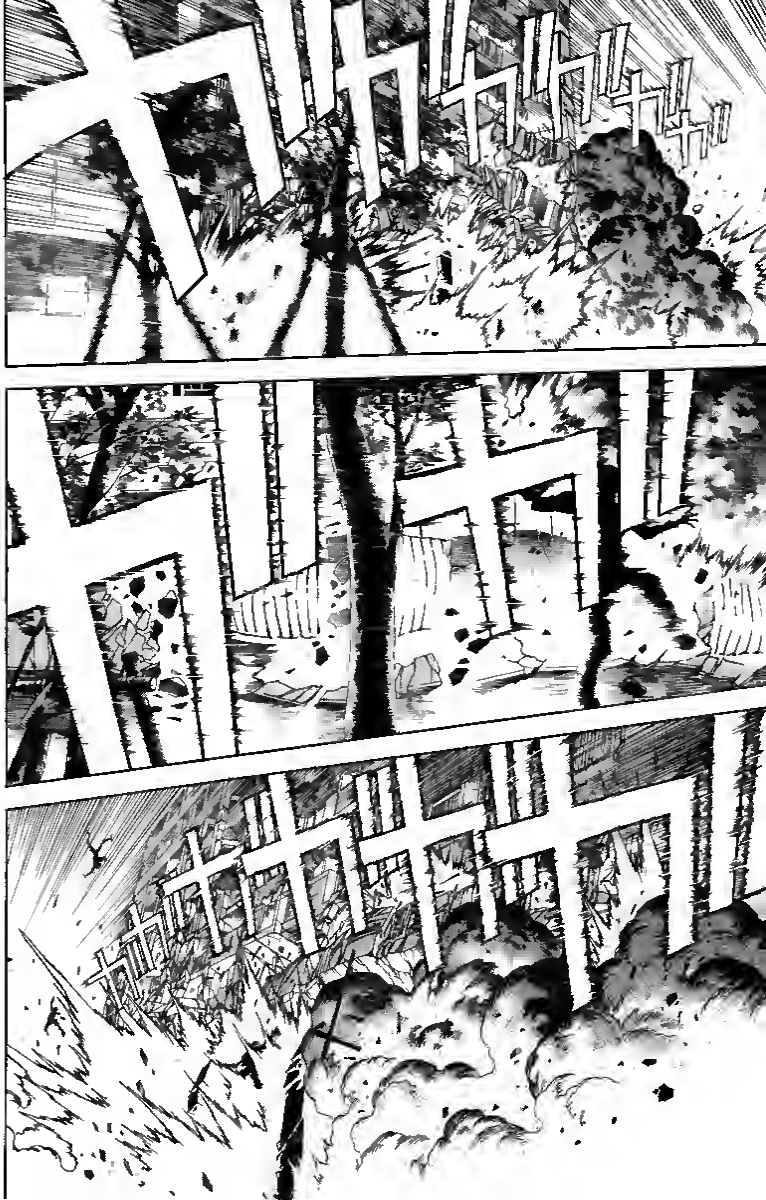

SHOW YOURSELF, GM!
NOW...
YOUR TIME HAS COME..

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GRAZE
HYUU?

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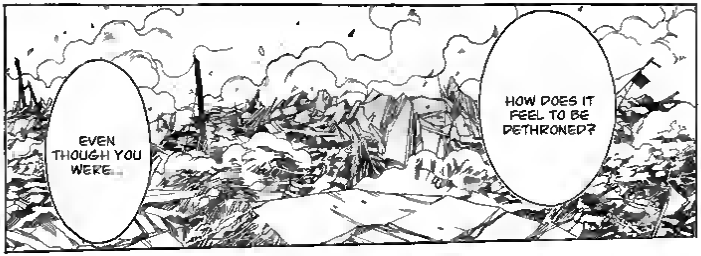
HOW DOES IT FEEL, GMT
HEY
Hyaa
Hyaa


HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE DETHRONED?
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE...

THE GOD OF DYSTOPIA?

Huuu
Huuu
Huuu

GIVE IT UP, YANO HIROKI
Hyuu
Hyuu
Hyuu
whack
whack

DYSTOPIA IS MINE NOW

YOU'RE NOT A GOD ANYMORE...
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT

JUST A PITIFUL OTAKU...
STILL HOLDING HIS MOTHER'S HAND...

FLINCH

HIRO-KUN!?
OPEN THE DOOR!
PLEASE!
Hnnn
Hnnn
Hnnn
Hnn
Hnn

THE POLICE ARE HERE!
HIRO-KUN!
PLEASE! OPEN THE DOOR!
ドンドン
ドーン
Hyuu
Hyuu
Hyuu
Hyuu
AAAAAAAAAA

AH!
LOOK!
THAT GUY ABOVE!
WHAT IS HE DOING?
QUICK, DAD! THE CAMERA!
IS HE CRAZY?
OH NO!
IS THAT FOR REAL?

WAAH!
KYAAH!
EXACTLY AT THE RIGHT PLACE
IN-CRED-IBLE
Hyuu
Hyuu
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARREST HIM!
YES!

WE GOT HIM!
ARGH!

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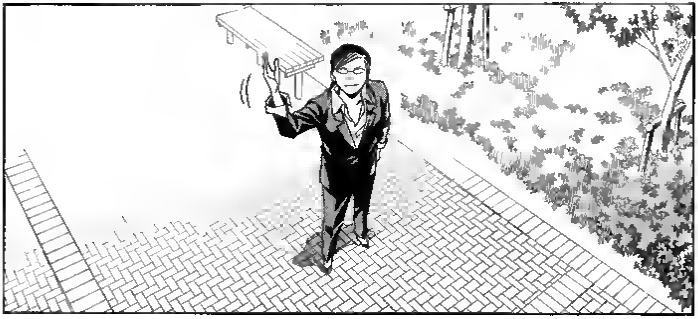

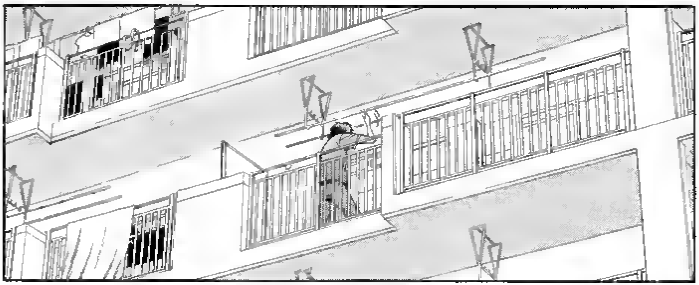

YES! IT HAP-PENED JUST BEFORE!
A MAN WAS ARRESTED!
HE JUST PASSED IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA
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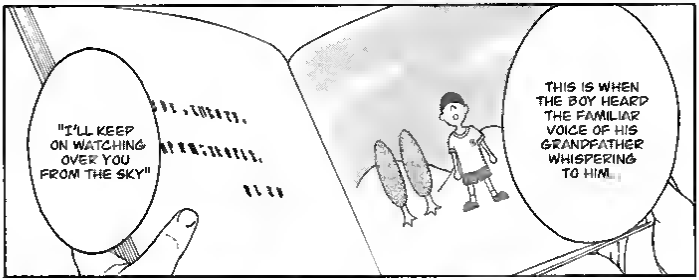
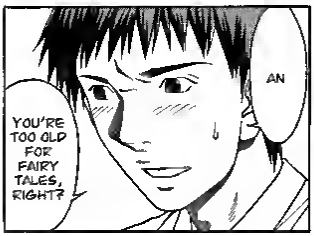
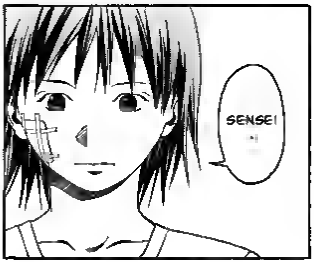
BAM
WHAT COULD HAVE HAP-PENED ...
IN THIS CURSED RESI-DENCE?!

阿佐見川病院


"I'LL KEEP ON WATCHING OVER YOU FROM THE SKY"
THIS IS WHEN THE BOY HEARD THE FAMILIAR VOICE OF HIS GRANDFATHER WHISPERING TO HIM.


AN
YOU'RE TOO OLD FOR FAIRY TALES, RIGHT?

THE END


SENSE!

DAISUKE...
WHEN WE LOSE SOMEONE WE LOVE
WE HAVE TO CLING ON TO LIFE...
THIS IS WHAT HE WANTED THE CHILDREN TO THINK AT THE END OF THE STORY
AH?
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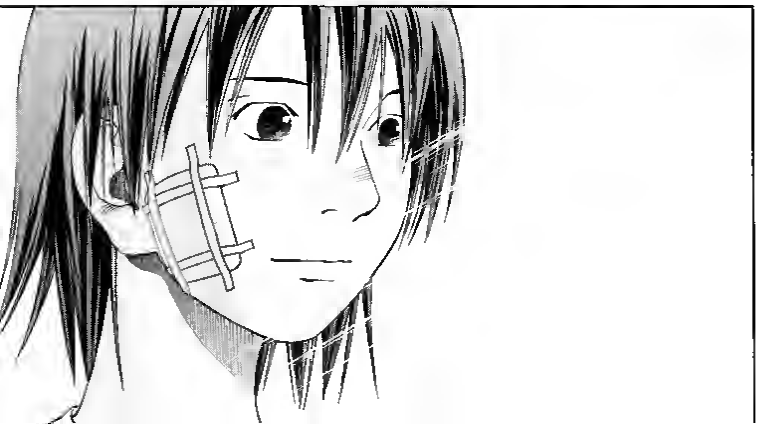
THE AUTHOR OF THIS STORY...
.....
.....
WELL...
YOU MAY BE RIGHT

THAT YOU BRING ALL THESE BOOKS...
AND READ THEM FOR ME.
BUT I'M HAPPY...
DAISUKE...
I'M HAPPY...
A... ALL RIGHT!
NEXT TIME THE STORY WILL BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT!
YES
AND THERE WILL BE LOT OF COMPLI-CATED WORDS TO LEARN!
YES.



HEY GUYS!
READY FOR ANOTHER HUNTING DAY?
YEAH!
TODAY'S TARGET WILL BE...
THIS WOMAN...
THAT DARED TO TAKE OUT THE TRASH OUTSIDE OF THE ALLOWED DAYS...
DIE!

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チュッ

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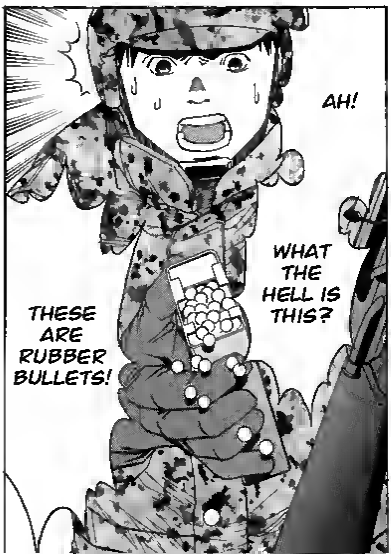
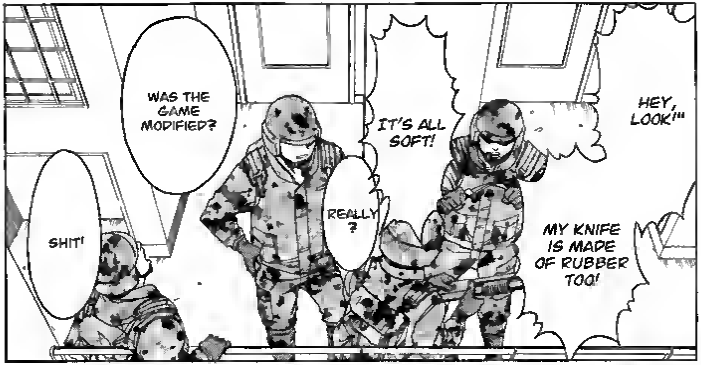
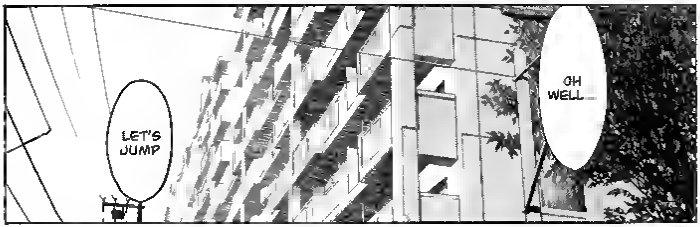

AH!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
THESE ARE RUBBER BULLETS!

YOU MISSED?
HUH?

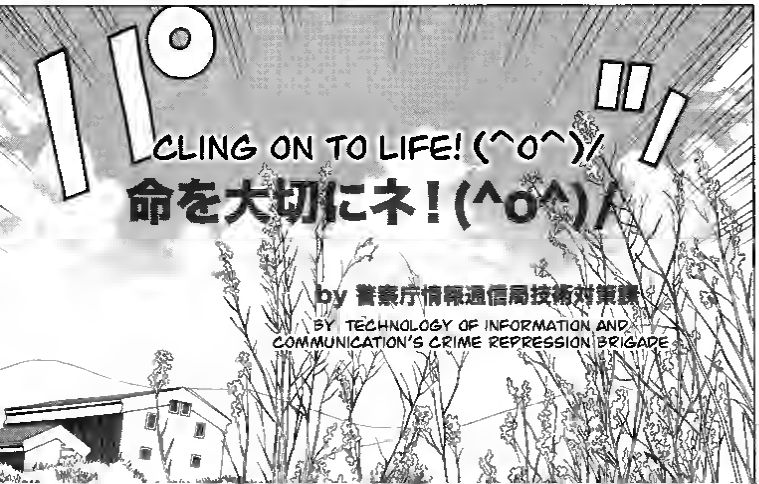

WAS THE GAME MODIFIED?
IT'S ALL SOFT!
HEY, LOOK!!!
SHIT!
REALLY?
MY KNIFE IS MADE OF RUBBER TOO!


LET'S JUMP
OH WELL...

ONE!
TWO!
BUNGEE!

ALL RIGHT!
WE WISH FOR LIFE TO BE...
BRIGHT TODAY ONCE AGAIN!

JUMP!


CLING ON TO LIFE! (^o^)/
命を大切にネ！(^o^)/
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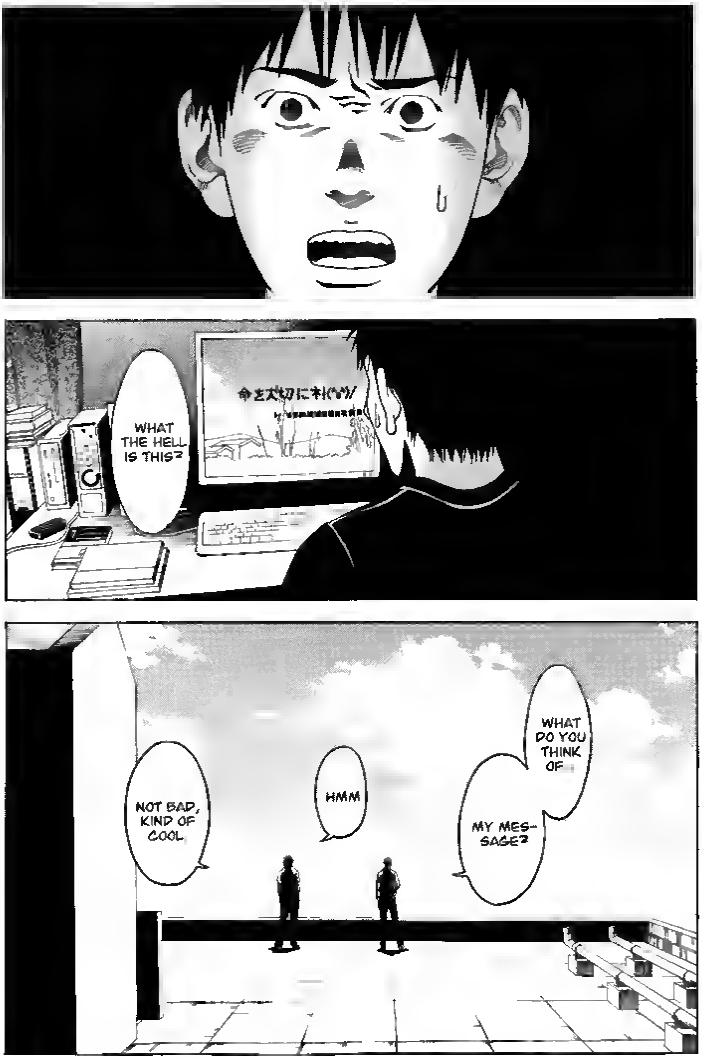

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY MESSAGE?
HMM
NOT BAD, KIND OF COOL

THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN ERROR, TATSUMI-SAN.
IF YOU SUDDENLY TAKE AWAY THE GAME FROM THE ADDICTED PLAYERS...
THEY'LL SEARCH FOR SOMETHING EVEN MORE VIOLENT.
BUT WE ARE NEEDLESSLY COMPLICATING THINGS...
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER TO JUST DESTROY THE SERVER ONCE AND FOR ALL.
THIS IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME.
HMM
AND WAIT UNTIL THE ADDICTION FADES AWAY
WE HAVE TO TAKE THE VENOM AWAY LITTLE BY LITTLE...
MY COMMUNITY SERVICE...
IT'S OVER SOON, RIGHT?
BY THE WAY, TATSUMI-SAN.
WHAT IS IT?
I FORGOT TO ASK SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

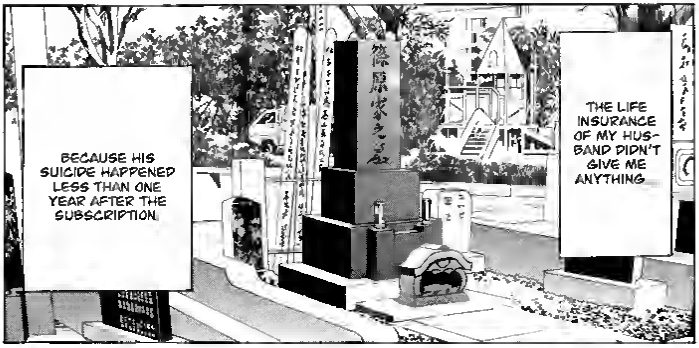
FUUU.
IN FACT...
YOU MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES
?
TRESPASSING
IMPERSONATION, ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS
YOU'RE IN QUITE A BAD POSITION, BOY
WHAT!?
YOU RISK SEVERAL YEARS OF PRISON
I CAN'T LET A CRIMINAL LIKE YOU STAY UN-WATCHED
ARE YOU SHIT-TING ME?
YOU ARE THE ONE THAT TOLD ME TO DO ALL THAT!

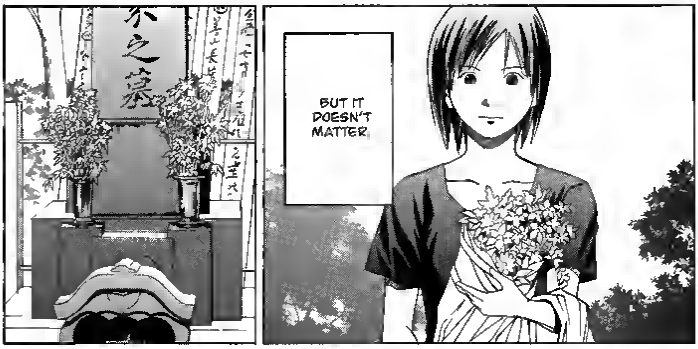
KITA-JIMA.
WE NEED PEOPLE LIKE YOU...
GENIUSES INVESTIGATORS WITH A PERFECT INTUITION ARE NOT COMMON.

AH HA

LET'S GO
THE NEXT CASE IS WAITING FOR US

WHAT A LIFE


BECAUSE HIS SUICIDE HAPPENED LESS THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE SUBSCRIPTION.
THE LIFE INSURANCE OF MY HUSBAND DIDN'T GIVE ME ANYTHING.


BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.

AND FULL OF HOPE
BECAUSE OF THIS, I AM NOW STRONGER.

FACE TODAY'S WORLD.
IT'S NOT EASY FOR A WOMAN ALONE TO...
BUT I'LL CONFRONT IT AND MOVE FORWARD.
WITH A DETERMINED STEP.

AFTER ALL, IN LIFE...
YOU CAN START OVER AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WANT...
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"The end"

You have failed my
life, please react